RACE JOCKY ONCE RODE IN DERBY

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BY Ed "Buck" Clayton

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Louisville, Ky.-(ANP)- The coming of the 74th annual $2,000,000,000 Kentucky Derby brings back memories of Negro Jockeys who played a big part in making this the world-famous race what it is today.

This three-year-olds mile-and-a-quarter "Run for the Roses" classic in its early day's had Negroes featured in leading roles—a practice which has since fallen in discard, though many Negroes, as owners, trainers, clockers, exercise boys and grooms, still help make racing the greatest sport there is.

The first running of the Derby was won by Oliver Lewis who rode Aristides in 1875. From 1877 to 1902, eight other Negro jockeys drove their mounts over the finish wire for first place, chief among whom was Isaac Murphy, historically known as the "Dean of American Jockeys."

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Murphy was born in Fayette county, Kentucky, near Lexington and gained fame on almost every track in the country. Out of 1.412 mounts, 628 were winners. Four of these were in the Latonia Derby at Covington, four in the American Derby at Chicago, one in the St. Louis Derby and several firsts in the Kentucky Classic.

Murphy, with Eddie Arcaro and Earle Sande, holds the record for the most Derby winners. He also shares the record of consecutive wins with Jimmy Winkfield, another Negro jockey. The Derby victories stood for 39 years before being tied by Sande in 1930 and Arcaro in 1945.

Nine Negro jockeys rode 14 Derby place horses and seven drew show money for 12 horses. In the Latonia Derby, there were 10 Negro jockey winners; American Dehby, six; St. Louis Derby, six; and Tennessee Derby, Memphis, five

Since 1905, there have been no Negro jockeys riding in the money

HENDERSON'S COMMENT:

Trend Toward Water Sports Noteworthy, Writer Discovers on Vacation Jaunt

Afro American

By EDWIN B. HENDERSON
For the NNPA News Service

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With the passing of Labor Day, most vacationists return to labor. Although high prices and material shortages are still with us, more of colored America is finding its way to vacation spots. We had the pleasure of noting the progress in a recent tour of some of New England's choice vacation-land.

More of our people who toil in jim crow land are migrating to the freer air of the north, especially the coastal regions. Many are buying permanent summer homes. Some are buying expensive yachts. A few are going in for sailing craft and every beach has its run of speed boats of the outboard type.

All along Cape Cod and at Martha's Vineyard we found our southern friend migrating. Cotuit, Mashbie, Hyannis, in Connecticut and Rhode Island we found the homes of doctors, teachers, lawyers and plain workers who wanted to get a rest from the land of doing only what the white folks tell you to do. We found at Oak Bluffs the Roscoe Lees, the Warrick Cardozos, the Doctors Kenny and many others from Washington, Cleveland, and Tuskegee.

Former Grid Stars Rest

Why come so far away for a month or two? We asked. Because here we can motor a day and find a fish dinner, fried clams or a cafe where the tan or black means little or nothing if you have the price. On evenings we can go down to the town sport center and bowl, or go to the summer theater or current movie show, and so forth, was the answer.

At Oak Bluffs we ran across two ex-All Americans vacationing. One, a selection we made when we were picking all-colored teams around 1909. He was Dr. Joe Brown, a great full back at Shaw when Howard found Shaw its chief rival and as good as the teams Brutus Wilson is bringing out forty years later. The other was that grand old man of Amherst, Attorney William H. (Bill) Lewis, who Walter Camp nominated as the best center in America and, to some, an all-time center rush.

At 78, Counsellor Lewis still reports to his workday office in Boston. It was Lewis who coached the great Harvard player and Coach Percy Haughton. It was Lewis who for many years was line coach at Harvard and turned down a big salary to coach and teach in the law school at Cornell, preferring to coach at Harvard and practice law. We reminisced about the hero's activities of nearly a half century ago.

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Labor Day Regatta

Lewis at nearly 80 helps prove that a hardy athletic career in youth is not incompatible with longevity.

The regattas of Highland and Venice Beaches and at Columbia Beach over the Labor Day weekend are picking up each year. Speed boats are increasing. High-powered Mercurys and Evinrudes and Martins are a dime a dozen. The Mothers Club at Highland-Venice Beach are planning to provide dry land sports for the youngsters. By the next Olympics we ought to have some of the present day progeny ready for the swimming, canoeing, boating and other sports, that until now we were shut out of. More power to the vacation lands for colored America.

Negro World's Greatest Fencer In History

The Argus
Fri 4-2-48
St. Louis

CHICAGO—"The fencing ability of Jean-Louis, a Negro, surpasses all the most amazing make-believe exploits ever written," reports Robert Lucas in April Negro Digest, "even those of fiction's most famous swordsman D'Artagnan of the Three Musketeers, who incidentally was created by the Negro Alexander Dumas."

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Jean-Louis, ace duelist of Napoleon's Grand Army and fencing master of the 32nd Regiment is credited with the most fabulous fencing fest on record, the Negro Digest feature continues:

"Normally a mild, gentle man who taught fencing but never duelled for blood, Jean-Louis was called on to protect the honor of his entire regiment. He met and cut down the best 13 aces of the Italian army in the amazing time of 40 minutes.

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"Jean-Louis also dispensed with his opponents in just twenty-seven (27) thrusts."

Born in San Domingo of illegitimate parents, Jean-Louis was sent to France where he enlisted in the army. A natural fencer, at the age of nineteen, he was better than his instructor and was made fencing master of his regiment.

Retiring from the army at 45 he set up his own academy at Montpellier. One of his students was his daughter who, at 20, had bested every professional swordsman in Europe—except her father.

Gary Gets First Negro Referee; Judges Next

The Defender

Chicago, Ill

GARY--Booker Beckwith, former Golden Glove and one time contender for light-heavy-weight champion, was named referee for the Golden Glove tournament next month.

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Beckwith's name, along with Moses Kennedy, Arthur McWorter, and Elverse Townsel, was submitted to Norman Wherry, Post-Tribune sports editor, and Jack Gilroy, director of athletics in Gary Public schools, by the Ol' Timers Club.

Liberalism in Sports Advancing Swiftly

Sat 4-24-48

Baltimore Md.

By EDWIN B. HENDERSON
For the NNPA News Service

Someday the shameful history of the operation of American racial fascism in sports will be written. It will condemn American sportsmanship before the world.

The oldtimers can remember when Jack Johnson had to follow Tommy Burns around the world before he cornered him in Australia and forced him to fight for the heavyweight championship of the world. The great non-pareil Jack Dempsey dodged Harry Wills until the latter became decrepit.

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Every subterfuge has been used by white champions to avoid risking the title to colored boxers. In amateur circles, the Black Codes of the South deny colored boxers a chance to compete.

One of the most reprehensible dodges ever used in Olympic games happened when Sol Butler had to jump with no actual competitor in a special pit in the backyard of a citizen in New Orleans in the World Olympic games held there. Since then, however, in 1946 and 1947, colored men and women athletes competed with all contestants in San Antonio, Tex., and except for separate living accommodations the setting was as favorable as you would find in Berlin under Hitler.

Weir Set Precedent

Only a few of the national sports associations have constitutional provisions barring colored. Recently, Reggie Weir competed in a national indoor tennis tournament, but Reggie was not permitted to enter when he was really a top-notch player. Today he is just a very good club player. Many other players are better. Perhaps his success in entering will encourage others.

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After Dr. Ernest Wetmore—too light-colored to be recognized—helped win the North-South skeet shooting tournament in Pinehurst, N.C., the National Skeet Association bars any shooter "of Negroid extraction."

Lately, golfers have been matching strokes with national golfers in a few of the tournaments, notably the Tam O'Shanter and the Los Angeles Open. But the failure of the Virginia Golf Open sponsors to admit the colored qualifiers, who were among those guaranteed to free entry, marks a new low in contract breaking in sports.

In Washington, the local AAU let down the bars in boxing and track but held up the barriers in other sports. The Jewish Community Center has been awarded the weight-lifting contest as sponsor. Colored weight lifters are refused, partly because "the Jewish Community Center does not admit of 'mixed' competition," and partly because the AAU has not permitted free entry into this individual non-contract form of competition.

Progress Noted

Of course, no colored can enter swimming contests held in hotel swimming pools like the Ambassador in Washington. This device of holding tournaments in facilities where colored are barred is an old technique of the racial fascists.

Most detestable is the jim-crow recreation plan of marble tournaments on a citywide basis where the colored winner of the jim-crow title must end his pursuit of honors while the white boy goes on to national contests often to play against colored boys here from other cities.

One of the most advanced sports practices is the scheduling of team games by Howard University, Wilberforce, West Virginia, and several other southern schools with white college teams. Most encouraging is the increased signing of colored players in the big national professional sports.

In another year or two, as Americans sense the growing rush of communism and fascism around the world, I hope to see a widening of the horizon for colored sportsmen and athletes in the attempt to prove democracy is what it is said to be.

Penn's trainer retires after 40 yrs. service

The Tribune

PHILADELPHIA — Trainer Bill Morris, who has patched up athletes for the University of Pennsylvania since 1910, retired here this week with honor and glory and the outspoken gratitude of the school.

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Now in his late 70's, Morris was born the son of slaves. Before the turn of the century he was a leading athlete, placed third in the 880-yard run at the Chicago World's Fair. Later, he tried his hand at boxing.

Philadelphia Pa

Before becoming Penn's trainer, he took a flyer at vaudeville as an Irish comedian and balladier.

Sports Field Has Proved Important Factor in Building of U.S. Manhood

Afro American

Sat 8-21-48

By EDWIN B. HENDERSON

On our vacation we heard one intellectual say to another, "I wish our boys would study more in school and college and not pay so much attention to athletics."

We began to look back and try to recall what has happened to our great athletes of yesteryear. Some have not done so badly for themselves. Others have flopped. Some of our career athletes have begun to get into the big money paying game.

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Jackie Robinson, Doby, Campanella, Motley, Buddy Young and a host of others are now earning in a few months what some Ph.D's earn in one or more years. They are not doing so badly, either, in their influence on American opinion. Now that the bars are coming down, the future looks good for more of our boys with ability to earn a livelihood through athletic skills.

No Future in Track

On the other hand, some of our sports will never afford paying careers. There is no future in professional track and field. Sometimes an amateur can get under the table a few hundreds of dollars as extra expense money. We recall a big-time Finnish runner whose manager would look over the seating capacity of the hall and ask for $900 on the quiet. That day is past.

Even our great Olympic heroes must be content with honors, a fine trip, and perhaps contacts that will bring results in other fields later. In the golden days of Glorious Greece the Olympic champion returned to his home town through a special breech made in the walls, and sometimes with given emoluments that set him on easy street for his lifetime. Today Steele, Dillard, Whitfield, Wright, Coachman, Ewell, Davis and other must be satisfied with glory.

Tennis Doors Closed

As yet our tennis stars cannot crack the door to big money, as have done Vines, Parker, Tilden, nor can our golfers yet live as Worsham, Sneed and others. Barksdale, like Dolly King and our famous basketeers, may enter high salary brackets in the pro game.

The greatest money prizes go to the professional boxers. But theirs is a sad story. For every one who plummets upward to fame and money the road is strewn with punch drunk wrecks. Even those who made gates of thousands and near to millions are lucky if for the rest of their lives they have a sufficiency to live on.

The shrewd managers, who like leeches and parasites sign up these boys before they make good, under contracts which give to these owners fifty and larger percentages of their earnings, are the ones who grow rich.

Few Rich Boxers

Few of our great pugilistic heroes have been able to retire on the wealth they have earned by their skills. It is also a sad commentary that too frequently many of those champions have begun so early in life at a sacrifice of education that they end life ignorant tramps. There are exceptions though as to boxers and managers.

On the other hand, the great bulk of our school boy athletes who have not neglected their education while basking in the sunlight of athletic glory have done well. The grit, stamina and sportsmanship gained on the athletic fields and courts have helped them in the professions and fields of responsible work. Athletics have not hurt Paul Robeson.

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Lewis, Others Successful

At 73 years of age, Attorney William H. Lewis, the earliest All-American, is still rated one of the best legal minds in Massachusetts, and still goes to his office daily. Archie Alexander of Iowa football fame is making greater fame in his career as one of the nation's outstanding contractors and builders. Bill Hastie and Charley Drew have not regretted learning the lessons of manhood through sport. Charlie Howard of Drake, who made the Wallace convention keynote speech was a great athlete.

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Countless doctors, lawyers, and businessmen maintain that athletics have helped them in their careers. Then there are the physical directors like Bill Bell, Abbott, Kean, Rivero, and dozens of others who are now guiding youth toward athletic destinies.

No, our athletes who use sport to develop manhood and sportsmanship have not done badly.

Negro owner, driver entered in big race

The Tribune

LeRoy Nooks, only Negro driver entered, bagged second in the heat for the fastest qualifying time this week and will be out to cop the big race for the big (Indianapolis type) cars at Carrell speedway, Gardena, tomorrow (Sunday). The main event will be a 30-lapper.

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Los Angeles Calif

Mel Leighton, only Negro car owner, has entered his No. 2 Riley Special in the event. Leighton's Special won the mainevent several weeks ago.

Thirty of the leading Pacific Coast drivers will be competing in the big race.

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chased the controlling interest.

In one of our late meetings with Jesse Owens, it was his ambition to unite his capital with that of others and operate with one of the larger wholesale businesses in the nation. He could make a success in this line of business.

As evidence of how big business is beginning to capitalize on the prestige of the colored athlete, national tobacco, soft and hard drink firms, bread companies and others buy the endorsements of our star athletes like Joe Louis, Jackie Robinson and others.

Segregation Can Help

One of the fallacies of segregation is that there can be equality in separateness. Often we boast that our teachers get paid equal salaries out of appropriations for salaries, and this seems to satisfy.

As a matter of fact, millions are spent in construction and maintenance of school buildings in a segregated system with white workers down to the commonest laborer getting all the money. Text-book companies writing white text-books for white children get the colored people's share of public funds and from public appropriations of tax funds, athletic goods are also purchased.

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For this reason, if not for others, our colored purchasers of athletic goods should patronize and build up colored-owned and run enterprises until that day comes when color lines no longer serve as barriers to colored businesses.

Capital Classic Freezes Out Orginator Eric "Ric" Roberts

Atlanta Daily World

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Atlanta, Ga.

WASHINGTON—(ANP)—A confused situation in the matter of football promotions is hurting the plans of what previously had been an outstanding event in the scanty entertainment diet of Washington's colored populace.

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Several years ago, Eric Roberts, whom the footballers kew as "Ric" when he played in and around Atlanta, came up with an idea that Washington, his adopted home, needed something to entertain its growing Negro populace—something other than the numbers, night clubs and quiet poked games. So he evolved the "capital classic," which would bring together outstanding Negro college teams at the Big Washington baseball yard.

Finances, as they are always, were the big problem and Ric had to take his idea to someone with money willing to take a gamble. That wasn't easy, this finding a man who would go out on such a hazardous idea in conservative Washington where the oldest inhabitants frowned on the proposal.

"Sportsmen" (whatever that means anyhow) turned it down until Rio went C. C. Coley, a young man who amassed considerable of this world's goods through business acumen, etc. Coley took a flyer with Ric and as a result, the first capital classic drew over 20,000 folks who laid it on the line. The outsiders' eyes bugged and they began looking avidly toward the capital classic promotions. The thing grew year after year, but for some reason best known to himself and others, Mr. Coley pulled out of the capital classic and there was Ric, his idea busted unless someone else came in with finance.

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This came when Dr. Napoleon Rivers, himself a giant in the athletic world (especially football) and well heeled, who joined in the party to give it a boost. But Dr. Rivers had other ideas, it is revealed: Immediately, he set up a corporation "to protect his investment—or that of his wife and family."

So you now have two promotional enterprises, capital classic which was the original venture and the one which laid the golden eggs, and another one headed by Dr. Rivers a corporation which will also present a "classic" in Washington.

For a number of years, Dr. Rivers has been an outstanding official in the CIAA and his work has been of the highest order. This prestige has been aselling joint for Dr. Rivers in his venture in the promotional field of football. Roberts, the originator of the idea, is frozen out as is usually the case—and left holding the bag, hopeful that somebody will come along to support this venture.

Where once Washington had a dearth of entertainment in high class athletics as far as Negroes are concerned, it now has an over abundance since the town will not support two big ventures of this sort.

The same group of individuals incorporated with Dr. Rivers is reported as seeking the basketball tournament of the CIAA as well as control of other activities which will bring additional revenue to their already well filled pockets.

HENDERSON'S COMMENT:

Why Not Colored Money in Sports Goods Business?

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6-26-48

Afro American

By EDWIN B. HENDERSON

WASHINGTON

It's about time that some of the money spent for athletic and sporting goods be spent in sporting goods stores and agencies operated by colored business.

One of the most productive businesses in the United States is that dealing in the materials for recreation. Yearly, representatives of white local sporting goods companies come around to enlist the trade for football, baseball, basketball, tennis, track uniforms and shoes. Very few, none here in Washington, employ colored salesmen.

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We don't mean to imply that some of these stores, owners or salesmen have not been genuinely helpful. We recall a certain former athletic buddy of the late John Taylor of athletic fame at the University of Pennsylvania, who went into the medal business. Although a white man, he worked with us at our meets and made many contacts, helpful to us in these early days of athletic competition.

But the progressive surge of colored towards the goal of economic and social freedom and integration should force us to insist on and encourage colored salesmen and owners in the sporting goods trade.

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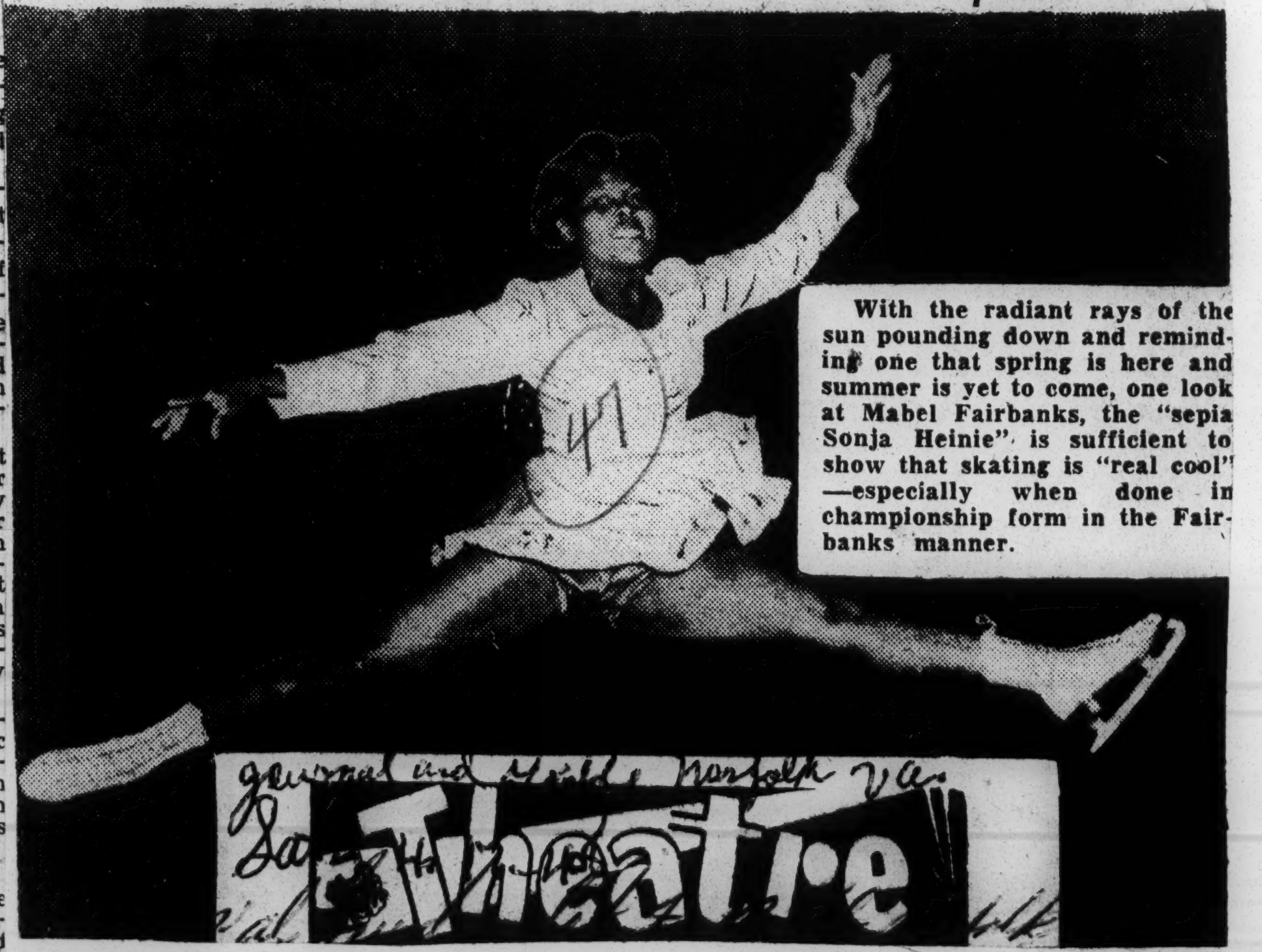
One in Capital City

Here in Washington, there is one store owned and operated by colored persons with a full line of goods, ranging from athletic materials through fishing tackle, guns and other equipment. This store has been doing business for several years in a colored neighborhood on Benning Rd., opposite the Langston Golf Course.

Miss Fairbanks Hailed As World's Greatest Sepia Skater



With the radiant rays of the sun pounding down and reminding one that spring is here and summer is yet to come, one look at Mabel Fairbanks, the "sepia Sonja Heinie" is sufficient to show that skating is "real cool"—especially when done in championship form in the Fairbanks manner.

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NEGRO PLAYERS WHO WILL OPPOSE ROVERS ON SUNDAY

New York Times - New York, New York

Thur 12-23-48

Members of the forward line of the Sherbrooke Red Raiders hockey club, which will appear in the Garden. They are Manny McIntyre, Herbie Carnegie and the latter's brother, Ossie. Thur 12-23-48

Negro Pucksters to Debut on Garden Ice

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Daily Worker

Negro hockey player will play on the Madison Square Garden ice for the first time this Sunday when the Sherbrooke Red Raiders, of the Quebec League, tangle with the New York Rovers. There has never been a Negro puckster in the daddy National Hockey League, but the presence of the Carnegie brothers Herb and Ossie—plus Manny McIntyre in the ice loop's "minor leagues"—may prove the wedge needed to dent NHL jimcrow.

New York, New York

Wed 12-22-48

So far as this paper was able to learn, the Sherbrooke players are the only Negroes in any U. S. hockey league. The trio has been together since 1942, except for last season when Ossie and McIntyre went overseas to play for the Racing Club of Paris. Wed 12-22-48

One of the Carnegies, Herb, tried out with the Rangers in their training camp last September, but nothing came of it. Herb, incidentally, holds down the center slot on the Red Raiders, while his brother Ossie and McIntyre are at the wings.

According to the Garden's hockey publicity department yesterday, when queried by this paper, none of the Negro players are particularly "interested" in making the NHL. "For one thing," said the Garden, "they're quite settled in Quebec. Another factor is their age. Herb is 29, his brother Ossie is 30, and McIntyre is Wed 12-22-48

If they weren't concerned about playing the NHL, we inquired, how come Herb's tryout with the Rangers in September "That," we were informed, "was more of a lark than anything else."

Really? Who was kidding—Herb, or the Rangers?

Rex Beach's Masterpiece On Johnson's Victory Over Jeffries

This is the 13th of a series of copyrighted articles on outstanding individuals and events in the sports world. This series will include Baseball, Basketball, Football and Track.

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Sat 11-6-48

Chicago Ill

By FAY YOUNG

THERE were many stories written on the Jack Johnson versus James J. Jeffries world heavyweight championship fight of July 4, 1910. Ninety-eight per cent of them were bitter. They had been penned by men who wanted Johnson to lose because he was not white. Some of them bordered on viciousness.

The fairest-minded writer of them all was Rex Beach, the novelist, whose story of the fight appeared in the Chicago Tribune, the morning of July 5, 1910.

Students of news reporting as well as those of sport editing read and re-read Mr. Beach's narrative of the battle. If ever a masterpiece on sport was written, this to our mind, was one. It is the top example of reporting of any athletic event. For descriptive adjectives, for a pen painting of the scene, this stands out.

It is a marvelous piece of work. It is almost unbelievable that a man could sit through those 14 rounds, disappointed as he was over Jeffries' showing, then write such a story to be sent over the telegraph wires to the Tribune.

HERE IS THE STORY:

By REX BEACH

Reno, Nevada, July 4--Today we saw a tragedy. A tremendous, crushing anti-climax had happened and we are dazed. Some 15,000 of us went out and broiled ourselves in the sun to see a great prize fight, and while it was great from the standpoint of a spectacle and from the courage displayed, it was in reality no fight at all.

Time had cunningly hidden her work, and no man was gifted with the sight to see the cold ashes that lay where once a flame had flickered. It was a cruel lesson, marking as it did the inevitable march of years and age and the waste of a God-like heritage. While in actual point of days there was little difference in the two, the Negro had maintained his youth through a life of exercise and physical care, while the white man had grown heavy in idleness.

AFRICAN IS A MARVEL

It is doubtful if even in his best days Jeffries could have won, for the African through all the combat showed a marvelous speed and aggressiveness that only occasional moments in his previous fights had hinted at. He demonstrated further that his race has acquired full stature as men . . . But his yellow streak, of which so much had been said, it was not there. He fought carefully, fearlessly, intelligently. He outpointed, outfought, he outclassed his opponent. There remains no living man to dispute his title as the world's champion, and there seems little likelihood that it will ever be taken from him. If such a thing should come to pass it will be because time has robbed him of that fierce and blazing energy that lurks deep in his being, as Jeffy was robbed in the night.

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The multitude came close upon our heels, pouring in through the four tunnel-like entrances to the huge eight-sided arena, until the hollow floors began to thunder, a few at first, then more and more until it reminded one of a pent up mountain stream emptying itself into a pool, there to boil and eddy and surge about until it finally settled.

TUMULT UNCEASING

But the tumult was unceasing. A street clamor filled the air. Men shouted greetings; bets were offered and taken; the rumbling murmur of voices grew into a tremendous stirring monotone, my ears were drummed upon by the clamor; I became impressed with the miracle of the human voice, one pair of vocal chords when governed by a master mind to excite an army. Ten thousand voices raised in chorus will send human wit skittering, will warp the coldest judgment and cause the heart to go fluttering madly.

It was so here. From our joint at the inverted apex of the fast-filling funnels of human forms we became conscious that this was a fitting place in which to hold the greatest of gladiatorial contests, for the arena itself occupied the center of a circular valley ringed about by mountains which looked down into the high-tiered slopes of a Gargantuan amphitheater then thousand times greater than the Roman coliseum. It was as if nature had shaped the spot for the Olympic games of a race of demi-gods. Our little pile of boards and timber was but a frail and pigmy thing in comparison, but upon it the eyes of the world were centered this fateful afternoon.

When the stubborn Stoessel stalked the ramparts of Port Arthur, locked into his fortress by a solid ring of steel, the gaze of all humanity was fixed upon him. Two world powers, white and yellow, had met and were locked in a struggle for supremacy.

AGAIN A STRUGGLE OF RACES

Today behind the pine walls of that roofless structure, guarded by desert hills, another great play was about to begin. Out from the jungle shadows of Ethiopia had stalked an African giant to measure his strength against the white man's champion. It was again a battle of the races. As if to lend the scene color there were many women present dressed in the purple and gold of Roman splendor . . .

HEAT WAS INTENSE

The heat was intense and but faintly tempered by a breeze from **the southern hills, so the crowd stripped off its oats and donned** wide-brimmed **straw bonnets and** green reading **shades to balk the** sun's torrid **rays. A brass band climbed into the ring and it was** rumored that with true western delicacy of feeling, it was about to play "All Coons Look Alike to Me," but racial feeling was too high perhaps and they favored us with a selection of national airs, at which the multitude rose and cheered. Hats waved, flags fluttered, feeling ran high and patriotism was riot. An hour and a half later these chastened men and women filed out in a funeral gloom. It may be a fitting place here to mention that through all the excitement of this afternoon nowhere in the crowd was there the least disturbance. Unruly spirits were there to be sure, but an undertone of fairness and good fellowship ran through it all. There was little bad language, no disputes, and lemonade was the only beverage . . . Followed the usual hoarse-voiced introduction and a hippodrome of champions, near-champions and near-to-be champions, John L. Sullivan, huge of girth and green of memory; Fitzsimmons, with the hat of Alpine yodeler; Tom Sharkey, short, burly and thick neck as a Walrus, all of them fighters, promoters and then the endless efforts of the photographers.

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GLADIATORS APPEAR

Suddenly there burst forth a wild acclaim back of us, and down the aisle from the east came one of the central figures in the real drama. It was Johnson, as we could see from his round shaven head, and then following swiftly, arose a five-fold greater roar as from the opposite quarter came Jeffries. The first blood cry of the thousands echoed as the men climbed into the ring. It was the race-note sounding and I watched the black champion for a sign when the volume of those voices dinned upon his ear. But he grinned and clapped his hands like a boy. Jeffries' entrance savored of an emperor's coming and the likeness was heightened by the presence at his heels of a fan-bearer, who held aloft a great circular five-foot paper shade. Or was it a crown? I could not tell.

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BLACK MAN WAS PERFECT

The black man was the first to strip and when he stepped forth for the lenses to register his image he was a thing of surpassing beauty from the anatomist's point of view. He had none of that giant play of brawn and muscle that Jeffries displayed a moment later, but instead a rounded symmetrical symmetry more in line with the ideals of the ancient Greek artists. His head, though slightly larger than an ostrich egg, was of the same shape and shaved to an equal smoothness. From crown to sole he was a living life-size bronze, chisled by the cunning hand of a master. He sat where I could have touched him with my hand and through it all I watched him carefully, hoping that by some power of divination denied of my fellows I might read a hint as to the one great question we had asked of him. But he showed no sign. His assurance was rock-bound as before. His smile as cheerful and confident as when first I saw him toying with his trainers. There was no waste of courtesy. The gong sounded, seconds, handlers and rubbers flung themselves from their corners and the gladiators stepped toward each other across an empty ring and through an empty silence.

At last we saw them face to face and the contrast was amazing. For three minutes they watched each other warily, feeling each other's muscles, testing each other's health, and the gong sent them to their seats again with no damage done. Sixty seconds and they were up again, still moving as if the fate of a nation hung upon their faintest error.

For the first three rounds the spectacle was repeated and then we awoke gradually to the realization that the march of time cannot be disputed. With some men he locks arms and trips swiftly down the path, with others he idles by the wayside like some love-shy maiden, but his feet are never turned in the same direction. His progress may be slow, but it is sure. There is little more to tell. It made us sad to see a man cheated.

JEFF'S YOUTH HAD SLIPPED AWAY

Pockets have been picked in Reno, little fortunes lost upon the tables in her gilded palaces that front the railroad tracks, but of all the thousands who have awakened to a sudden loss no awakening could have been like that of Jeffries, when he called upon his youth and found it had slipped away. It lasted 15 rounds, and then we trudged home through the dust. But it was sport and the best man won. As to the brutality of the scene, I saw none of it. Of blood, there was less than a teacup-full spent. Just now an automobile paused below my window and Jack Johnson, heavyweight champion of the world, was in it. He had no mark upon his person as he bowed his thanks to the bellowed greeting the street offered him. The last picture I have is of a giant black man shaking the hand of a newsboy as he runs beside the champion's motor car with a surging mass of humanity behind. To cheer Jim Jeffries in his hour of bitterness there is a sweet-faced, gracious woman, who waited with clenched hands and cheeks whitened by a growing fear as the metal wires brought the tidings of her husband's defeat. To her victory could mean but little. To him a wife's sympathy will be a sweet balm. To every full-blooded man, I believe, he sounded a note of gameness that is a fitting epitaph even for blasted hopes as great as his when he was helped to his corners: "I couldn't come back, boys. I couldn't come back. Ask Johnson to give me his gloves."

Brady Again Heads Southern Conference

Chicago Defender

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By CAPT. R. S. DARNABY

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Dr. St. Elmo Brady, Fisk University, was re-elected president of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference at at the 35th annual meeting which was held in the new Coleman library on the campus of Florida A. and M. College. B. T. Harvey, Morehouse College in Atlanta, was retained as commissioner.

Def. 12-25-48

Chosen to serve as members of Dr. Brady's cabinet were A. S. Gaither, director of athletics at Florida A. and M. College; Dr. J. J. Dennis, Clark College in Atlanta, and Ollie Dawson, director of athletics at South Carolina State in Orangeburg, S. C.; R. S. Darnaby, Tuskegee Institute, was reelected secretary-treasurer, with Frank Forbes, Morehouse College director of athletics, as assistant secretary-treasurer.

Gaither and Dawson were reelected to the vice-presidential posts and Dr. Dennis was named when Henderson A. Johnson, Fisk University, requested that his name be withdrawn.

The conference accepted the invitation of Frank Forbes to hold their 1949 meeting at Morehouse College on December 9 and 10. Atlanta University, Morris Brown College and Clark College, all Atlanta educational institutions also will serve as hosts.

Basketball, football and spring track meet dates were arranged. The 16th annual Southern Conference basketball tournament will be held in Logan Hall, Tuskegee Institute on March 10, 11, 12, and the 21st annual women's sports day will be held at Tuskegee on May 6 with the 23rd annual Tuskegee relays on May 6 and 7. The 23rd annual Southern Conference tennis championships also were assigned to Tuskegee Institute on May 5, 6, and 7.

XAVIER MEET APRIL 2

It was announced by James Hawkins, Xavier University, New Orleans, that the annual Xavier track and field championships will be held in New Orleans on April 2. The annual Southern Conference track and field championships, which are held in Atlanta each year, will be announced later by Frank Forbes, chairman of the committee on track and field events.

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The 39 delegates in attendance were presented to the Florida A. and M. student body and faculty by Coach A. S. Gaither, who coached the Florida team to another football championship.

Welcome address was made by William H. Gray, Jr., president of Florida A. and M. College and Dr. St. Elmo Brady, conference president.

Southern Conference basketball championship award was given to Tuskegee Institute. Tuskegee was winner of the conference baseball championship. The conference track and field honors went to Xavier University. Florida won the football title.

DARNABY TO FRISCO

The conference will send Capt R. S. Darnaby to the 43rd annual convention of the National Collegiate Athletic Association in San Francisco on Jan. 7 and 8. Commissioner B. T. Harvey will attend the meeting of athletic commissioners in the same city on the same dates.

The all star football team selected was: William Murry and Tom Poole, ends, Florida; St. Julian Love, Allen, and Julius Wiggins, Ft. Valley, tackles; Ted Primus, Florida, and Howard Green, Ala. State, guards; Kermit Booker, S. C. State, center; James Williams, captain and quarterback; Florida; Ulysses Curtis, Florida, and Ted Bey, Ft. Valley, halfbacks: Charles Webster, Alabama A. and M. College, fullback.

Def. 12-25-48

Players receiving honorable mention were Bradley Mitchell, Florida, end; Tom Bethel, Lane halfback; Charles Brasfield, Fisk, center.

Bankhead Signs '48 Contract

Daily Worker 47a 1-7-48

New York, N.Y.

Dan Bankhead, Negro fastballer brought up at the tailend of last season, was among four Brooklyn Dodger pitchers who already inked their '48 contracts, Branch Rickey disclosed yesterday. The others were promising Phil Haugstad, Jack Banta, and Warren Ramsdell. Wed 1-7-48

It's generally believed that Bankhead, whom Rickey is very high on despite his rawness, will be sent to work out the kinks with the Montreal Royals before getting another chance with the parent club. Daily Worker

New York, N.Y. Daily Worker

Hurl No-Hit Game For Nashua

Dan Bankhead blasted open the doors of baseball's hall of fame Monday night when he hurled a no-hitter for the Nashua Dodgers. Bankhead scored his no-hitter in Nashua's 13-1 win over the Springfield Cubs with the lone Cub run scoring on an error. Dan wanted to prove that his seven inning no-hitter was no fluke and came back in a relief role during the night-cap and won his second victory setting down the six men that faced him in the two innings. Bankhead relieved Karl Morrison in the 10th inning of the night-cap which Nashua won 4-3. The double win gave Dan a season's record of 13 wins against 5 losses. 7-30-48

Bankhead Has Struck Out 105

Defender Chicago, Ill.

Dan Bankhead, former Memphis Red Sox and Brooklyn Dodger hurler, now pitching for the Nashau, N. H., Dodgers has played in 14 games. He has pitched 98 innings, allowed 71 hits, walked 67 men and struck out 105.

Bankhead has pitched nine complete games. He has one shut out to his credit. He has won six and lost five for a .545 percentage. Sat 7-17-48

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39 SO's IN 27 FRAMES:

Baltimore, Md. Sat.

Bankhead Holds Rivals to 11 Hits in 3 Games

The Afro American 7-31-48

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Dan Bankhead, former Brooklyn Dodgers' hurler, rung up his eleventh victory of the New England League season here Monday when he turned back Springfield, 12-1, in a three-hit performance for the Nashua Dodgers.

Completion of the game marked the third straight contest in which Bankhead limited the opposition to less than five hits. In his last 27 innings on the mound, Dan has been nicked for the exceedingly small total of 11 safeties. In previous games he held the Providence Chiefs to 4 hits and the Manchester Yankees to a like number. The victories were chalked up as 5-3 and 4-0 achievements.

In addition, Bankhead whiffed a total of 39 batsmen in the 27 frames. He struck out 16 in downing Providence, 13 in blanking Manchester, and 10 in mauling Providence. Sat 7-31-48

However, the ex-Memphis Red Sox ace is still bothered with wildness. During the course of the three tilts, he issued 22 bases on balls, seven in each of the first two games and eight in the affair here.

Bankhead, property of the Montreal Royal, to whom he had been farmed by the Brooklyn Dodgers, now has a record of 11 wins against five defeats with the third place Nashua outfit.

NASHUA

	ab	r	h	po	a
Nelson, 2b	4	2	2	0	2
Alexson, 1b	4	2	3	10	0
Rogers,3b	5	1	2	2	3
Bartz,lf	6	2	2	0	0
Boston,lf	0	0	0	0	0
Hoak,ss	6	0	2	1	2
Lee,rf	5	1	3	2	0
Cardinale,cf	4	2	2	2	0
Soskovic,c	4	0	1	10	1
Bankhead,p	3	2	1	0	0
Totals	41	12	18	27	8

Sat

SPRINGFIELD

	ab	r	h	po	a
Witek,2b	4	0	0	5	5
Bushkar,3b	4	0	0	0	1
Nasternak,ss	3	0	0	1	4
Liptak,lf	2	0	1	3	0
Deangelis,rf	3	1	1	0	0
Aeschliman,cf	4	0	0	5	0
Cirnal,1b	2	0	0	12	0
Aylward,c	4	0	1	1	0
Giddens,p	1	0	0	0	2
Peterson,p	1	0	0	0	2
Totals	28	1	3	27	14

7-31-48

Score by Innings

Nashua	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	3	3	—12
Springfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	— 1

Two base hits—Alexson, Bartz. Three base hits—Cardinale, Nelson. Stolen bases—Hoak, Lee, Cardinale. Sacrifices—Giddens, Nelson, Alexson, Bankhead. Double plays—Nasternak to Witek to Curnal, Soskovic to Alexson, Nelson to Hoak to Alexson. Bases on balls off Giddens 8, Bankhead 8. Hits off—Giddens 5 in 5⅔, Peterson 13 in 3⅓. Struck out by—Bankhead 10, Peterson 1.

Dodger Farmhand Lifts St. Paul to Third Place

The Afro American

Sat 9-4-48

First Essay After Elevation From Nashua is 12-1 American Association Win

Baltimore, Md

ST. PAUL — Taking his first important step "on the way back" to the majors, Dan Bankhead on Wednesday hurled a 13-1 victory over Minneapolis in the first of a crucial four-game series that may lead to the American Association playoffs.

Having arrived here the day before, following promotion from Class B Nashua, New England League club, Bankhead put the Saints away on the right foot by setting their twin-cities rivals down with four hits before an all-time record crowd of 10,624 paying customers.

The slender fast-baller, whose early days were spent with the Birmingham Black Barons and Memphis Red Sox of the Negro American League, struck out five, walked four and didn't allow a run until the fifth inning. By that time, his mates had given him a six-run advantage.

So effective was The Bank in quieting the Millers' bats that only four putouts were registered by the St. Paul outfield.

Bankhead's appearance on the mound for the Saints, the first time a colored pitcher has mounted the hill in an American Association contest, was the signal for the breaking of all previous attendance records for the local club.

With the 10,000-odd persons in the stands on Wednesday, the Saints mark for the season went to 292,934, already 3,000 more than the previous high, established in 1946.

Sat 9-4-48

Local authorities are outspoken in their admission that the presence of Roy Campanella, earlier in the season, and the initiation of Bankhead Wednesday, were the chief causes of the increase, especially, since this year's club is locked in a desperate battle for fourth place and not fighting for a pennant as they have frequently been in the past.

MINNEAPOLIS

Culler, ss	4	0	1	1	1
Conway, 2b	2	0	0	4	2
Lafata, cf	4	0	0	2	0
Gilbert, lf	4	0	0	0	1
Barna, rf	3	0	0	3	0
Fletcher, 1b	4	0	1	10	0
Rhawn, 3b	4	0	0	0	3
Wheeler, c	4	1	2	4	0
Hardy, p	1	0	0	0	2
Cain, p	0	0	0	0	0
Picone, p	0	0	0	0	0
aRay,	1	0	0	0	0
Fischer, p	0	0	0	0	2
Totals	31	1	4	24	11

aGrounded out for Picone in 8th.

ST. PAUL

Douglas, 1b	6	1	2	8	1
Addis, cf	3	1	0	2	0
Atwell, rf	4	0	1	1	0
Tipton, lf	5	2	3	1	0
Anderson, c	4	2	1	6	0
Ramazzotti, ss	4	3	2	4	2
Brancato, 3b	4	2	3	2	4
Fallon, 2b	4	2	3	2	2
Bankhead, p	4	0	0	1	0
Totals	38	13	15	27	9

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Runsbatted in—Culler, Douglas, Addis, Tipton 2, Ramazzotti 2, Brancato 2, Fallon 3. Two-base hits—Culler, Tipton 2, Anderson, Ramazzotti. Homerun—Fallon. Stolen bases—Tipton, Ramazzotti, Brancato, Douglas. Sacrifice hits—Brancato, Fallon, Bankhead. Left on bases—Minneapolis 7, St. Paul 10. Bases on balls—Off Hardy 3, off Cain 1, off Picone 1, off Bankhead 4. Struck out—by Hardy 1, by Cain 2, by Bankhead 5.

Bankhead's Kid Brother Released by Birmingham

The Pittsburgh Courier

Pittsburgh, Pa.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Joe Bankhead, 21-year-old promising young hurler, was given his outright release by the Black Barons Sunday night. He is the brother of Dan Bankhead in the Brooklyn Dodgers' chain. Sat. 5-29-48

Young Bankhead, in a press interview, bitterly declared, "I wasn't given a chance by the Black Baron management. I was not allowed to work a single inning of league play despite the fact we have played twelve games since the season opened."

Bankhead went on to point out that he had a contract which called for a ten-day notice in case of release, but received no such notice from prexy Tom Hayes. Bankhead claims that the message of release came to him by messenger. At 10 A. M., Monday, Bankhead had neither heard or seen Mr. Hayes although the owner has been in town since Thursday night of last week.

The young hurler was attempting to catch on with one of the many teams operated by Abe Saperstein. Bankhead pitched last year for the Harlem Globe Trotters, winning five while dropping three.

During spring training, Bankhead was impressive in triumphs over Alabama State College, and the Asheville Blues of the Southern League. He hurled three innings against the Cleveland Buckeyes, leaving the game with the scor in his favor.

Against the Chicago-American Giants, Bankhead left the game with the score knotted after his three-inning chores were up. Against the Memphis Red Sox in Muskogee, Okla., he left the game trailing after a series of base hits by the Memphis team.

Bankhead left Monday evening for a short visit with his family at Empire, Ala. He also planned to pay a visit to Dora High, where he was a 1947 graduate.

Braves Get Williams, Young Negro Player

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The Courier, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Sat 12-18-48

The Boston Braves have made good on their promise by signing a young Negro player for development in their farm system, the Daily Worker learned yesterday. He is Waldon Williams, 19, former James Monroe High School star who lives in the Bronx. The signing makes the National League champions the third of the 16 big league teams to end discrimination. The Brooklyn Dodgers and Cleveland Indians were first and second in breaking through the long time disgrace of our national pastime.

Williams is an infielder, currently standing five feet, 10 inches and weighing 159 pounds. He led the Monroe team in batting for two straight years, hitting over .400. He graduated from school last February, and during the summer received a secret tryout by the Braves, so impressing Boston scout Russell with his hitting and fielding that "potential big league star" was filed on the report.

Interviewed yesterday by the Daily Worker, Williams said he was to report to the Braves' Florida training camp in March and would be assigned to one of Boston's minor league farm teams from there. Asked how he felt about his chances of making the grade, he said:

"I think I can make the grade. Of course, I'm not foolish enough to think I'm ready for the varsity now, but I feel I can make good in the minors and come up as I develop. I'm only nineteen, so I have a little time, haven't I?"

"How do you feel about the chance," I asked. "Did it surprise you?"

"Yes," he said with youthful enthusiasm, "it sure did. I feel simply wonderful about it . . . it's the biggest thing that ever happened to me, of course. It was such a big thing and so wonderful, that I went down to the Harlem YMCA to introduce myself to Jackie Robinson and ask him for some advice. He was very encouraging and helpful."

"What big league team was your favorite before all this happened," I asked.

Pittsburgh, Pa.

He laughed. **"The Dodgers! But all that's changed now!"**

I asked him whether he was glad it was Boston that signed him rather than Brooklyn or Cleveland, the two teams that had already ended discrimination.

"I'm very happy it was a new team besides Brooklyn or Cleveland," he said seriously. "I feel it's more important that a new team, that is, one without any Negro players, signed me for a tryout."

Young Williams lives at 854 East 167 Street with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Williams, a brother and a sister.

"My father works as a plasterer," he said. "After I graduated school I got a job playing tenor saxophone in Joe Martin's band, which plays in New Haven. I kept playing ball whenever I could, around sandlots. I guess Robinson and Doby and Campanella and Paige making the majors has made young Negro athletes more hopefull than they used to be, when before that there was no real future in it."

As for his brief musical career:

"Oh, I don't care about that any more! Baseball is the big thing now!" He smiled. "I can always toot the horn for fun during the offseason. But now I'm going to keep in shape. No late hours, no smoking or drinking. It's my chance and I mean to be as ready as I possibly can be."

He said he was a first baseman at Monroe, but was tried out as a second baseman by Boston. "I'll play first, second or the outfield," he said, "wherever they think I best belong."

I reminded him that he had a famous predecessor from Monroe High who **also played first base there.**

"Who's that?" he asked.

"Hank Greenberg."

"Oh, of course! I don't know how I forgot him. Just excited talking about all this. Why, we had a Hank Greenberg Day at the Polo Grounds two summers ago: everyone from Monroe went to pay tribute to him." He laughed. "I don't think I would ever be as good as Greenberg."

Reached by phone at Monroe High, baseball coach Zisser expressed his pleasure at the news.

"I just heard about it yesterday," he said. "I didn't see it in the papers. He is a little light for long distance hitting while on the team here, but he was a very good high school player and better than average as a hitter. He was dependable, conscientious and always trying. I would rate him high in adaptability and the ability to learn. He is very bright, though a little shy and reticent. A fine young man, with all the good characteristics. I was very fond of him and certainly wish him the best of luck."

The Courier

IT WAS PREXY Lou Perini, one of three new owners, who bought the Braves two years ago, who indicated recently that Boston would follow Brooklyn and Cleveland in introducing full democracy into their organization. He said the Braves were scouting Negro players and meant business.

There has been agitation for some time in the old abolition city for the Braves and Red Sox to sign Negro players. Sports columnist Dave Egan of the "Globe," who swung into the campaign against discrimination years back, has been a consistent needler of the two teams, frequently putting the question of democracy bluntly into print. A few years ago the Boston Red Sox went through the motions of giving Jackie Robinson a tryout at Fenway Park, before he was signed by Brooklyn, but he never heard anything further from them.

New Ball Players Sparkle

Daily World

1948 Cleveland Buckeyes

Atlanta, Ga

PANAMA CITY, Fla. — The 1947 Cleveland Buckeyes were an awesome bunch as they swept through the Negro American League schedule with a record of 54 wins and only 23 defeats. But, for 1948, they threaten to be even better, if the spring training play of several newcomers can be carried over into the regular season. Thurs

Another thing, several of last year's mainstay will have to hustle to be regulars on the squad that New Manager Alonzo Boone believes will win the pennant again.

Probably the most impressive of the rookies is Al Pinkison, a six-foot, 5 inch giant of a man from New Orleans, who weighs 225 pounds and plays the outfield first base and catches. He has been the sensation of the training camp with his gusty hitting from the left side of the plate. If he can make the squad, the Bucks will have a new home run threat. Pinkison hit 23 homers last year for a New Orleans team. 4-8-48

Othel Renfro, last year a second baseman with the Kansas City Monarchs, has been moved over to shortstop, making Leon Kellman the regular second baseman. Renfro, a good ground ball man, has tightened the infield defense and by his constant hustle has put new pep into the front line which rated as only fair in 1947.

According to General Manager Wilbur Hayes "Joe Greene, the catcher from K. C. with his hitting and all-around hustle, will make the fans forget about Qunicy Troupe."

Al Smith, regular shortstop in 1947, has been moved to left field and that appears to be his natural position. Only after the move was made did Smith tell Manager Boone that he was an oufielder before trying the shortstop position. He has a strong arm, is a fair hitter and seems slated for the spot.

Among the new pitchers, Ernest Long seems a cinch to make the grade. He has a dazzling knuckle ball and good control.

Daily World

GOOD CONDITIONS

The Buckeyes have found the best training conditions in their history at Panama City and plans have been made to return there in 1949. Not one drop of rain has marred the workouts and, thus, the players have rounded into condition unhampered. Several of the stars—including Sam Jethroe—arrived in camp in playing shape after having participated in winter ball in Cuba and other spots. Thurs

With Ernest Long, John Brown, and Red Jones showing good pitching form, the Bucks won their first exhibition game from the Panama City Blue Sox last week. The score was 4 to 2. Atlanta, Ga

They will open their home season at League Park on May 9. 4-8-48

Campanella's Arm One of Best-Leo

PM New York, N.Y. 47a

Mon. 4-5-48

By Associated Press

VERO BEACH, Fla. Leo Durocher isn't fooling when he says rookie Roy Campanella can throw as good as any catcher in baseball. The Dodger manager has been watching the chunky Negro all Spring with the Montreal club before he moved him up to Brooklyn.

Campanella comes to the majors without the fanfare that preceded Jackie Robinson's advance a year ago. Yet there are many who think he will prove as valuable as Jackie in his freshman year.

"He can throw as good as any man living," said Durocher when the Dodgers were here this week. "I know he's a good catcher—a great receiver. He has looked good. The only question is his hitting."

Likes Action Every Day

Last year at Montreal he hit in the .280 class, catching most of the games. Like Bruce Edwards, now sidelined with a sore arm, Campanella is a workhorse who likes to see action every day.

Durocher isn't the only baseball man high on Campanella. Branch Rickey rates him with the best. So does Frank Shaughnessy, president of the International League.

"Campanella is the greatest man I ever saw on balls hit around the plate," said Shaughnessy. "He is out there on top of them like a cat. Wait until you see him in a few games."

A native of Philadelphia, Campanella becomes the third Negro on the Dodger roster. Robinson and pitcher Dan Bankhead, due to be farmed out, are the others.

Played in New England

Although he says he is only 26 years old, Campanella has been playing pro ball since 1937, when he started with the Baltimore Elite Giants in the Negro National League. Before that he played at Simon Gratz High in Philadelphia.

Sticking with the Elite Giants through 1941, Campanella played in Jorge Pasquel's Mexican League 1942 and 1943.

Campanella returned to Baltimore in 1944 and 1945, playing against a major league all-star team managed by Chuck Dressen after the '45 season. One night in Newark, Dressen told Campanella that Rickey wanted to see him in the morning. It was his first indication that he was being scouted.

Signed by Rickey the next day, the husky catcher was sent to Nashua, N. H., in the New England League for 1946.

PM New York, N.Y. 4-5-48

Jackie Robinson gives a few tips to Roy Campanella, the Dodgers' new catcher, before an exhibition game.

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Meet Roy Campanella, Man With Iron Bones

New York Star

Sun. 7-18-48

CINCINNATI, July 16—Injuries have plagued the Dodgers more than most clubs this year. Off day stories about the club fairly reek of liniment and iodine, and the baseball writers with the club may soon be qualified to do work for medical journals.

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Because of this state of affairs the Dodgers have perforce become a group of baseball decathlon men. Jackie Robinson has played every position in the infield except shortstop and Billy Cox has played every one except first. A whole host of others have stuck fingers in various parts of the dyke at one time or another, including catchers Bruce Edwards and Gil Hodges, now regulars at third and first.

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One Dodger, however, has such a record of durability that he may be the first man to play all nine positions on the field.

I have no wish to jinx the young man by mentioning his name, but he seems to be impervious to jinxes. Roy Campanella, the so-far indestructible Dodger, has been playing professional baseball for 11 years, beginning at the tender age of 15.

New York, N.Y.

During most of these 11 years he has been a catcher, a trade which usually leaves 10-year men looking as if they were carrying two bunches of walnuts in their hands.

Campanella, who played all year round for several of these years, has caught close to 2000 games and has so far sustained two broken fingers and a slight ankle sprain. He was forced to miss a few games with the Baltimore Elite Giants of the Negro National League in 1939 when he broke the little finger of his left hand. The next time he broke a finger was last July in Montreal.

Thought It Was a Sprain

"I thought it was just a sprain," says Roy, "I taped it up. It seemed to last quite a long time for just a sprain, so in September I had it X-rayed and it turned out to be broken. I'd been catching all along with it, so I finished out the season anyway.

His other injury, the ankle sprain, occurred while running over a Dodger farm pasture in Nashua. He spent a few days on the bench but managed to catch in 116 of the 140 games played by the club that year. With Montreal, Roy caught in 137 of 157 games.

It may be that Campanella's extraordinary toughness is due to the conditions which applied when he first began to play in the Negro leagues.

"There were no averages kept in those days," says Roy, "and none of us knew exactly where we stood as hitters anymore than the pitchers knew what their statistics were. In such a case we couldn't bargain for salary raises on the strength of being .300 hitters or 20-game winners. The man who got the extra money was the man who played every day or the pitcher who took a regular turn. I used to catch 150 games every year."

New York Star 7-18-48

New York N.Y.

Caught 4 Games One Day

It was not uncommon for three of these games to be caught in one day.

"We used to play a doubleheader in New York, a night game on Long Island and then hop into the bus and ride five or six hours back to Baltimore."

On one memorable occasion Roy, still in his teens, caught four games in one day.

"We played two games in the afternoon in Cincinnati, then went out to a little town outside Cincinnati and played two games that night. I caught all of them."

"No," he said, "I didn't get too tired. I was young then and it didn't seem like anything special."

It may not have seemed like anything special, but such a routine leads either to the ash heap at 25 or to a constitution fit for anything and a temperament to match. Roy is a hustler and a good man in the clutch but he leaves the worrying and the tension to Dick Merriwell and Baseball Joe.

I have no wish to knock Merriwell, in whom the pure flame of Yale was always brightly burning, but I never heard of him pitching four games in one day.

Birmingham News

Campanella Wins Flatbush Hearts

Birmingham News

BY JOE REICHLER

Associated Press Sports Writer

A new idol appears to have won his way into the hearts of the Flatbush faithful to fill the void created by the departure of Dixie Walker and Eddie Stanky.

The latest favorite is Roy Campanella, a rookie Negro catcher, whose brilliant work over the week-end both at bat and in the field has left the impression he might be the long ball hitter the Brooklyn Dodgers have been searching for.

Birmingham Ala

The stocky native of Philadelphia almost singlehandedly was responsible for the defending champion Dodgers taking two out of three over their hated New York rivals and climbing into sixth place, three games out of the first division.

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IN HIS FIRST GAME last Friday night, Campanella, just in from St. Paul, cracked three singles in four times at bat, but a ninth-inning Giant rally nipped the Dodgers 6-4. On Saturday he walloped a triple and two singles and walked once in four times at bat to help the Dodgers defeat the Giants, 7-5.

Mon 7-5-48

Yesterday the 26-year-old power hitter smashed two home runs and a single to lead the Brooks to a nerve-tingling 13-12 triumph over the Giants. Each of his circuit blows came with a man on base.

and Gil Hodges. Meanwhile, Edwards has mostly recovered and the Dodgers have room to carry only three catchers. They had to make their squad cut by deadline, May 15, when all major league rosters are annually pruned to 25.

ROY CAMPANELLA

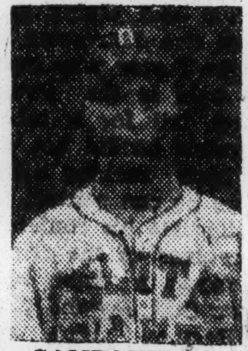
Ace Missed All Star Team By A Hair

Campy "Guilty" Of Leading Brooklyn Out Of The Cellar

Journal and Guide

Norfolk, Va.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—It is generally conceded along Rickey Row here that Roy Campanella, the Brooklyn Dodger stella-fellow back of the plate and at the bat, missed the National League All Star team selection this year "just by a hair."



CAMPANELLA

The contention is based on that fact that Campy was shipped away from the Brooks shortly after being brought up to the mother-squad, but was hastily malled back when injuries, combined with "breaks" turned the thento-fore all-powerful Bums into a pack of easily beaten hadbeens.

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Something new was definitely added to the hopes of the Brooks when Roy came marching back. Not only has he bombarded balls over the field when at bat, but he has become "my catcher" to most of the Brooklyn hurlers.

HAVE FARED WELL

It is noted that Rex Barney pitched one of his rare complete games, and that Willie Ramsdell relieved flawessly when Campy was behind the plate since his return to Flatbush. Then too, in his first week back from the sticks, Campy handled the back-of-the-plate assignment when Hank Behrman twirled a shutout.

Brooklyn hurlers laud Campy's squat. He sits close in there and catches the breaking ball before it breaks back of the plate, it was pointed out. Pitchers realize the strike-snagging importance of such a stance because sometimes the back-of-the-plate break means the difference between a ball and a strike.

CAN PEG 'EM OUT

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Then, in addition, Campy is no piker when it comes to spotting men off-base. That fact is evidenced by the peg that caught Buddy Kerr square in the face off second. Kerr smilingly admits that the power evidenced in Campy's flips down to the center sack could be "murder" and he didn't say that literally either.

Campy hardly breaks his crouch when spotting men off, a prowess that attests the power in his wrists, and his perfect sense of balance. He is no slow poke either. He can thief on the bases, and is in there all the time giving pep talks from his crouch in from the ump.

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As the Brooks eased back into the cellar of the first division last week, many a player glanced home-plate-yard where Campy was crouched and said "he done it."

Campanelli optioned to St. Paul

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NEW YORK—Still a little shy of the seasoning it takes for bigtime, Brooklyn Dodger rookie catcher Roy Campanelli, whom the Dodgers brought up during spring training, has been optioned out to St. Paul of the American Association, it was reported this week.

Besides seasoning for catcher Campanelli, the move will mean the Saints will act as a wedge of democracy in the hitherto lily-white American loop.

For a spell it looked like Campanelli might get a regular berth with the Dodgers, for head backstop Bruce Edwards banged up his thumb in Philadelphia last month and the job was wide open. However, manager Lippy Durcoher promoted Bobby Bragan to the job, over Campanelli

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Campanella, Dodger Catcher, Says: 'I Just Like To Play Baseball'

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BY LILLIAN SCOTT

(Special to The Chicago Defender)

NEW YORK—"It feels like I was playing with the colored teams—I just like to play baseball. A ball game's a ball game to me," big, powerful Roy Campanella, Dodger catcher tells you, when he's asked about playing in the majors.

The fact that he's the first Negro catcher ever in the big league baseball leaves him cold. To him integration is just a word—he lives it and has all his life, first, as the child of a white father and a Negro mother and then playing with and against white athletes.

Born in Philadelphia twenty-seven years ago, Roy was on of 4 children. His father of Italian descent is "a workingman and never was an athlete to my knowing," Roy says. His parents have been married for 47 years. Proudly Roy declares of his father, "He's been a fine daddy to me and all of us." He shrugged and added that naturally his father's people had always been close to his family, too.

When he was fifteen after finishing up at Simon Gratz high school in Philadelphia, he went to work as a catcher for the Baltimore Elite Giants of the Negro National League where he stayed until 1945. He seemed annoyed when asked his reaction to reports of some former Negro baseball stars that working for the Negro leagues is a fate worse than death.

"That's where I got my start, I made a living out of it. I haven't any anything against the colored leagues. I don't think of any of these fellows . . . " he broke off and added in disgust, "you don't just expect to walk into a paradise. Those fellows who are speaking made much more out of colored baseball than they would in factories."

Signed by Branch Rickey of the Dodgers in April, 1946, he played successively with the Nassua Dodgers, and Montreal Royals until last April when he tried out for the Dodgers. Then on April 15, he was optioned to St. Paul, another Dodger farm team until he was recalled July 1.

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The greatest thrills he's had were hitting six straight homers in seven games at St. Paul, getting nine hits out of 12 in the first games with Brooklyn since his recall. Last but not least his two homers July 4.

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Broadshouldered, light brown, Campanella wears his black hair short in a crew cut but the most striking thing about his face are his deep-set catcher's eyes trained to distance vision like a sailor's.

Asked how a catcher coming in fresh in mid-season makes out, he answered, "They tell you how they want you to signal." Admitting that it took some special boning up, good-looking Campy said in his easy, casual manner, "You have to crawl before you walk. All the fellows have helped me quite a bit. They've all been fine.

Sparks Brooks' Rally With Three-Run Homer

Atlanta Daily World Atlanta Ga.

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BROOKLYN,—(SNS)— Roy Campanella sparked the Brooklyn Dodgers to a, 9-6 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals, Thursday afternoon, by connecting for a three-run homer, before 22,144 fans, at Ebbets Field. This clean-cut verdict gave the Brooks a sweep of their three-game series with the Cards.

The Dodgers exploded early, Dick Whitman leading off with a single in the first frame. Murry Dickson, St. Louis hurler loaded the bases by giving free tickets first to Jackie Robinson and Gene Hermanski. George Shuba scored Dickson with a line drive to Ron Northey, and then Campanella, with the count two to two, smacked his fifth homer into the lower left-field stands, sending Robinson and Hermanski across the plate.

JACKIE SINGLES

Whitman led off with a double in the fifth and consecutive singles by Jackie Robinson and Gene Hermanski accounted for one run. Jackie scored when Shuba forced Hermanski. On this play, Red Schoendienst bumped Hermanski trying to throw to the plate to get Robinson and had to leave the game.

Thursday, the Dodgers routed the Cards, 12-4, by uncorking a blistering 15-hit attack, before 19,491 fans at Ebbets Field.

The Brooks scored two runs in the first on two bases on ball, a force out, Bruce Edwards' single to center and Roy Campanella's long fly to deep center-field.

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In the fifth frame thirteen Dodgers went to the plate, collecting five singles, a double and a triple. In this frame, Campanella was up twice. On his first appearance he was intentionally walked, then on the second time up, he struck out to the slugfest. Jackie Robinson singled during the big inning, and Campanella made up for his failure to connect in the fifth by lining a double to center in the eighth.

Jackie was the pivot man on two lightning double plays, and was credited with an error along with Campanella, Musial, and Slaughter.

Brooks Set Back St. Louis, 9-6; Campanella, Hodges Hit Homers

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Barney Is Winning Hurler, but Needs Help From Behrman—Dickson Is Retired in in Fifth After Game Struggle

New York N.Y.

By ROSCOE McGOWEN

Getting an early lift from home runs by Roy Campanella and Gil Hodges, which accounted for five of their runs, Barney Shotton's Dodgers yesterday made a sweep of the three-game series with the Cardinals by beating them 9—6, before 22,144 Ebbets Field fans, but failed to gain on the first place Boston Braves.

Though the strains of "St. Louis Blues" floated over the field from the big pipe organ as the game ended, Shotton and all his boys were wishing Eddie Dyer's Redbirds the best of luck as they departed for Boston to tangle with the Braves in a three-game series. In fact, the Brooks were hoping the Cards, against the league leaders, would reverse their entire performance in Brooklyn.

Murry Dickson, a very troublesome fellow for the Dodgers, was the victim of the big blows that put the home forces out in front to stay, and was the losing pitcher, but not before he had blasted out a score-tying double off Rex Barney in the fourth inning.

Musial Drives in Tally

The Cards tallied one in the first inning, chiefly because Dick Whitman didn't get a line on a long fly by Slats Marion, the blow going for a double, and Stan (The Man) Musial scored Slats with a liner that caromed off the glove of the leaping Jackie Robinson for a single.

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Dickson's troubles began early. In the first frame Whitman, who was to make three straight hits, lashed a single and Dickson filled the bases with none out by walking both Robinson and Gene Hermanski. George Shuba brought one run across with a vicious line drive to Ron Northey, and then Campanella, with the count two and two, smacked his fifth homer into the lower left field stands and the Brooks were off to a 4-1 lead.

Country Slaughter opened the fourth with a blooper inside the left field foul line for two bases. Kurowski walked and after Barney got two men out Bill Baker singled and Dickson followed with a double to tie up the contest.

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Hodges Blasts Homer

Back came the Brooks in their half, Tommy Brown walking on the three-and-two pitch and Hodges blasting the three-and-nothing delivery high into the upper left field stands for his eighth homer of the season.

Barney was in trouble in the fifth but pitched out, then got into more trouble in the sixth by walking both Babe Young and Baker. At this point Shotton recalled Barney and brought in Hank Behrman, who did a magnificient relief job.

A ninth-inning double off the right field screen by Musial was translated into the final enemy run when Behrman allowed Stan to take third unmolested, whence he scored on Slaughter's second out drive to Hermanski.

The Brooks drove Dickson out in the fifth on a Whitman duplicate of Slaughter's fourth-inning double and singles by Robinson and Hermanski, which produced one run. The other scored on a force play after Gerry Staley came in.

They got their ninth run in the eighth off Al Brazle, fourth Card pitcher, on an opening pass to Shuba, Campanella's sacrifice and Brown's single over Marion's head.

Schoendienst Hurt in Crash

Red Schoendienst was hurt in a collision with Hermanski on the scoring force play in the fifth and had to leave the game. He was upset by Gene as he tagged him and then tried to throw to the plate to get Robinson.

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Shuba injured his left ankle sliding into second in the eighth but finally got up and stayed in the game. . . . Barney now has won seven, lost six; Dickson's record is seven and ten.

The total paid attendance for thirty-nine home games reached the respectable figure of 896,637 yesterday.

The Box Score

ST. LOUIS (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Sch'nd't, 2b.	2	0	0	2	3	0
Lapointe, 2b.	2	0	0	4	0	0
Marion, ss.	5	1	1	2	1	0
Musial, cf.	4	1	2	2	0	0
Slaugh'r, lf.	5	1	1	0	0	0
Kur'ski, 3b.	2	1	0	0	4	1
Northey, rf.	4	0	0	1	0	0
Young, 1b.	3	0	0	4	0	0
Baker, c.	3	2	1	9	2	0
Dickson, p.	2	0	1	0	0	0
Staley, p.	0	0	0	0	0	0
aLang	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wilks, p.	0	0	0	0	0	0
bDusak	1	0	0	0	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brazle	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0
Total	33	6	6	24	[illegible]	1

BROOKLYN (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Whitman, cf.	4	2	3	2	0	0
Rob'son, 2b.	3	2	1	0	0	0
Herm'ski, rf.	2	1	1	4	0	0
Shuba, lf.	3	1	0	0	0	0
Campa'la, c.	3	1	1	10	0	1
Brown, 3b.	3	1	1	1	2	0
Hodges, 1b.	4	1	1	7	0	0
Reese, ss.	4	0	1	3	0	0
Barney, p.	2	0	0	0	1	0
Behrman, p.	2	0	0	0	2	0
Total	30	9	9	27	5	1

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aWalked for Staley in sixth.
bFanned for Wilks in eighth.

St. Louis ....1 0 0 3 0 1 0 0 1—6
Brooklyn ....4 0 0 2 2 0 0 1 .—9

Runs batted in—Musial, Shuba 2, Campanella 3, Baker, Dickson 2, Hodges 2, Hermanski, Brown, Slaughter.

Two-base hits — Marion, Slaughter, Dickson, Whitman, Musial. Home runs — Campanella, Hodges. Stolen base—Musial. Sacrifice—Campanella. Double plays—Schoendienst, Marion and Young; Baker and Marion. Left on bases—St. Louis 8, Brooklyn 3. Bases on balls—Off Dickson 4, Brazle 1, Barney 6, Behrman 2. Struck out—By Dickson 4, Wilks 2, Brazle 1, Barney 1, Behrman 3. Hits—Off Dickson 7 in 4 innings, Staley 0 in 1, Wilks 0 in 2, Brazle 2 in 1, Barney 5 in 5, Behrman 1 in 4. Wild pitch—Barney. Winning pitcher—Barney. Losing pitcher—Dickson. Umpires—Robb, Gore and Pineli. Time of game—2:53. Attendance—22,144 paid.

Roy Campanella Promoted to Dodgers from Royals

Afro American

Sat 3-13-48

Crack Catcher to Play With Montreal Until Player Limit Permits Transfer

Baltimore Md.

By SAM LACY
AFRO Sports Editor

CIUDAD TRUJILLO — Unless some totally unexpected development takes place, Jackie Robinson became the second baseman of the 1948 Brooklyn Dodgers as of 10:15 a.m. Saturday, and Roy Campanella, 1947 star of the Montreal Royals, was promoted to second-string catcher of parent club.

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This dual assertion, though highly speculative on part of writer, is based on a second reasoning at 10:15 o'clock Saturday morning when President Branch Rickey announced to a hastily called press conference that second baseman Eddie Stanky had been traded to the Boston Braves for first baseman Ray Sanders and an undisclosed sum of money. A part of the money, Rickey said was used to purchase the holdout outfielder, Bama Rowell, who in turn will be sent to Montreal in exchange for a player yet to be named.

What is the implication here? Why would Rickey expose himself to the wrath of Brooklyn fans by letting the popular Stanky go on the heels of the trade which sent Dixie Walker, long the Flatbush "People's Choice," to Pittsburgh, and why this latest deal for a man who is recognized as strictly a gamble?

Sanders 30 Years Old

Sanders has been out of baseball for a year and half on account of a triple fracture of the left shoulder. In addition, he is reported to have a heart condition, and is 30 years old, the same age Stanky is.

Obviously, Stanky did not fit in with the 1948 Dodger plans which apparently would place Robinson at second and take the fiery Eddie out of the lineup. A benched Stanky could not demand as much in the trade market as he can at this point.

The present indications are that Sanders will be installed at first base if the old shoulder injury does not too seriously affect his hitting. A righthand thrower, Ray bats from the left side. Therefore, the greatest danger is that his batting swing will suffer.

Ward Gets Chance

Should he fail, manager Leo Durocher will have an opportunity to try Preston Ward, rangy 20-year-old six-footer, who hit 17 home runs and batted .325 for Pueblo in a Class A ,Western League, last season. Leo is greatly impressed with Ward, who, in my book, belongs back in Pueblo.

Seek Cub Infielder

Although both insist, in conversation with the writer, no deal is pending. It is strongly suspected that Rickey and Durocher are still looking down the line toward some sort of transaction that will bring Eddie Waitkus, Chicago Cubs' first baseman, to the Dodgers.

This would unquestionablely clear the way for the installation of Jackie at the keystone sack. Rickey has often implied that Robinson is the best second baseman in the world.

The eventual assignment of Robinson at second would serve to soften the rap known to be coming from Brooklyn fandom because of the departure of Stanky. Jackie also enjoys tremendous popularity as Ebbits Field.

Need Catching Aids

The speculation of Campanella is based on the face that he is the type of hustling ball player who fits perfectly into the Rickey scheme. Moreover, both Rickey and Durocher were lamenting the heavy burden placed on catcher Bruce Edwards last season.

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Edwards caught 130 games in 1947, playing the first two months with a sore arm, all because Dodger bosses do not consider Bobby Bragan and Gil Hodgers capable supporters.

It also is hinted that Campanella may be shifted to the rightfield spot once held by Walker.

Ready for Majors

Clay Hopper, Montreal pilot, has reported to Rickey that Campenella is ready for the majors.

It had been rumored that Campy might be sent to the Dodgers' St. Paul farm as the first step toward opening the American Association to interracial baseball. Whether or not such a move was ever contemplated or has been abandoned is not exactly certain.

However, this writer predicts Campanella's departure from Montreal, if and when, for another minor league club will infuriate Royal fans. Rickey and company will sorely regret it if it ever happens.

Canadians idolize Campanella, and say the chunky little receiver is even better liked than was Robinson in 1946. They would heartily endorse his promotion to "Dem Bums."

Campanella Definitely Ticketed for St. Paul Farm

NEW YORK — How soon it will come about no one seems to know, but Roy Campanella is definitely ticketed for the Brooklyn Dodgers' farm at St. Paul, Minn.

The AFRO learned this much from unimpeachable sources, high in the Brooklyn organization on Friday night.

Campanella, currently the fourth catcher on an overloaded Dodger roster, is to be farmed out on option of 24-hour recall.

The ex-Baltimore Elite star does not even know himself that he is to return to the minors. His first knowledge of the fact comes to him as he reads this.

Living in Suitcase

That he was still doubtful as to his status as late as Saturday, can be judged from a conversation he had that day with the writer.

"I certainly wish somebody knew something," declared Roy with a trace of justifiable impatience. "As things now stand all I can do is stand. I can't sit down. I can't relax. I can't even unpack. They've got me living in my suitcase.

"I have an apartment here that I'm reluctant to move into, because there are so many rumors that I'm going to be sent somewhere else. Certainly, I don't want to move in one day, and out the next.

"What I'd like to know is whether I'm going to be in Brooklyn, St. Paul, Pocomoke City or Paris. Naturally, I'd like to stay in the majors, but if I'm not going to stay, I'd like to be off for where I'm going.

"I want to play ball!"

Campanella's case is probably unparalleled in the annals of baseball. His status with the Dodgers — so far as he knows — is as uncertain today as it was two years ago when he reported to the Brooklyn farm at Nashua, N.H. But not in the same sense.

At the close of each day, the doughty little receiver doesn't know whether the next time he dons a uniform it will be that of a Bum or one of an untold number of major or minor league clubs.

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Yet, it is a well-known fact in Dodge press circles that President Branch Rickey and Manager Durocher regard him as their No. 2 catcher behind Bruce Edwards.

Rated High

There was strong evidence that Lippy Leo was set to open the National League season with Roy behind the bat, but was talked out of it by high Dodger officials who feared the destruction of youthful Gil Hodges's confidence in such an event.

If Durocher inserted Campanella in the lineup after having given Hodges first call all through the spring training season, it would probably ruin the latter, they pointed out. Hodges is only 23 years old, quite promising and had just begun to gain confidence.

So, Campy was shoved aside, so to speak, moved down a peg. Which revived the rumor that he might be shipped to St. Paul where he would break down the lily-white aspect of the American Association.

But an unforeseen chain of events in connection with the Saints' catching department added a little more confusion to the patchwork.

Hofferth Recovers

Out there, Stu Hufferth, the regular receiver, is recovering from an opening day injury. And Ferrell Anderson, returned by the Cincinnati Reds as unsatisfactory in a conditional deal similar to the Ray Sanders case, is also available for duty.

Both these catchers are former major leaguers and, therefore, cannot be sent to a lower league than the Triple-A American Association, to which St. Paul belongs. With Hofferth and Anderson on hand, then, it appeared there was no room for Campanella.

However, the dope is that Roy will go anyway, a move that will unravel several tedious Rickey problems. The Mahatma hopes to bolster his American Association holding, which, incidentally, is figured no better than seventh in current pre-season ratings of AA baseball writers.

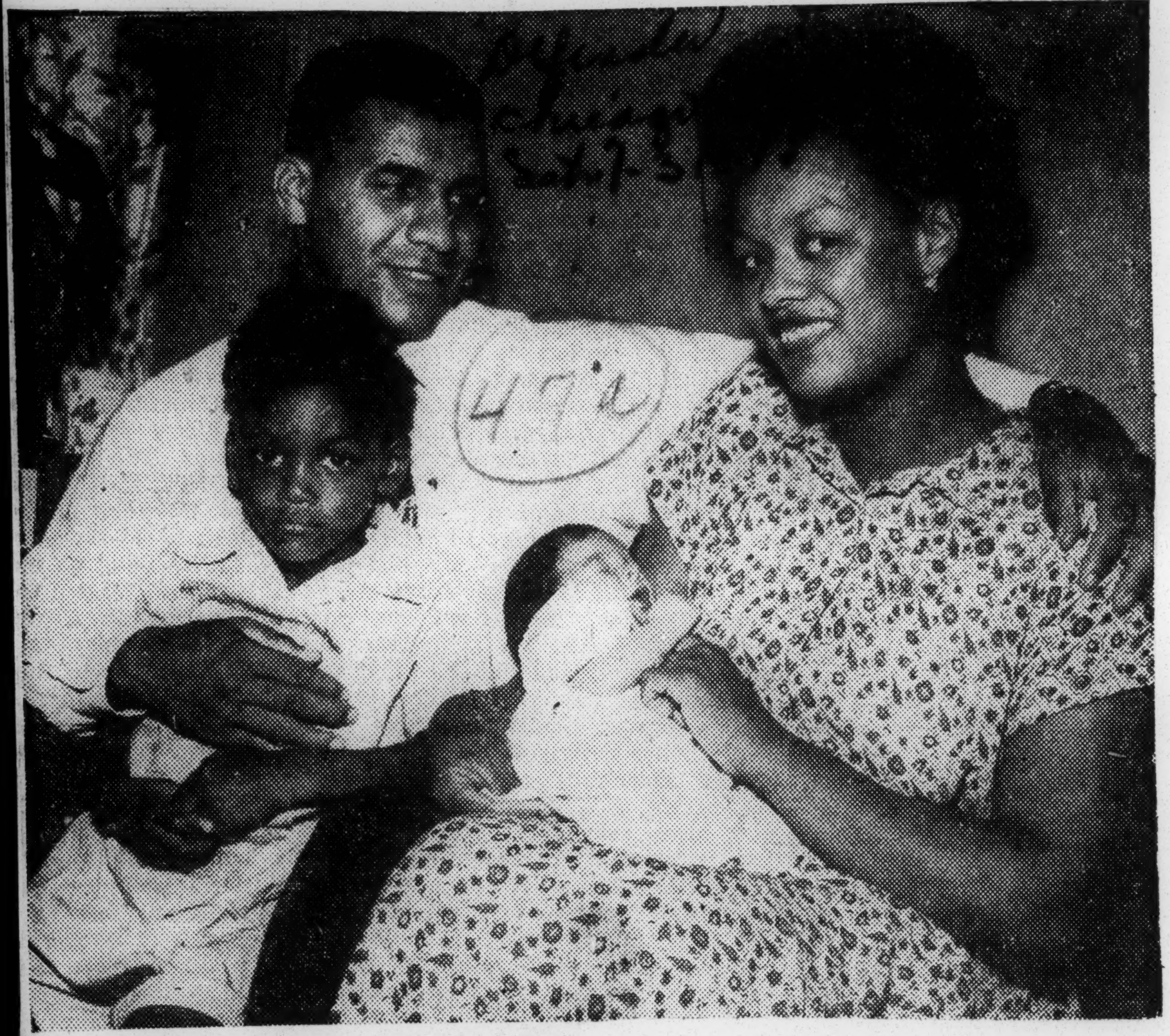
At the same time the optioning of Campanella will (1) clear the way for the retention of Bobby Bragan, which Rickey wants to do; (2) keep alive hopes for the negotiation of trade involcing another Dodger catcher; (3) make use of the chance to introduce the "right man" to the all-white American Asociation; and (4) provide Campanella the opportunity to play regularly and thus guard against the danger of dulling his ability by sitting on the bench.

3 Clubs Interested

Bragan, the AFRO has learned, is to be given a managerial post in the Dodger chain next year, and Rickey would like to keep him around until that time.

In the meantime, it is fairly clear, Dodger officials point out, that Campanella's future is secure. A second year in Triple-A baseball, they hold, will place Campanella in a position to demand a major league berth, if not with the Dodgers with some other club via the major league draft.

And it is no secret that five or six big league team would like to have the little catcher. Rickey, himself, admits he knows of three that are deeply interested in him.



ROY CAMPANELLA, Brooklyn Dodgers' catcher, is just as much at home with his family as he is out on the playing field. The father of four children, he is shown here with two of them and his wife, Ruth, a New Yorker. Campanella is holding David, 7, while his wife holds Roy, Jr. Two other children are in Philadelphia with his relatives.—Cecil Layne photo.

Bums' Mound Ace Owes Success to Roy Campanella, No Foolin'

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By SAM LACY
AFRO Sports Editor

BROOKLYN—Credit Roy Campanella with an assist that won't be found in the box-scores. For it is largely because of him that the Brooklyn Dodgers returned home early this week in the midst of the hottest sprint they have enjoyed all season.

Perhaps you expected me to say something like that. Perhaps you have sensed that some of us reporters have to "angle" our stuff, to make it appear that certain players are always responsible for the successes enjoyed by the Brooklyn Dodgers, Cleveland Indians, Montreal Royals, etc.

Perhaps you won't even believe me when I point out that what I am about to write here is no more than what I wrote several months ago, once from the Dominican Republic and again from Vero Beach, Fla., during the course of the Dodgers' spring training chapter.

Campanella, back from St. Paul of the American Association, has proved the answer to the Brooklyn pitching problem. Yes, I mean just that. Campanella, a catcher, has given the Dodgers their fourth starting pitcher in the person of Rex Barney, the fireball righthander. 7-31-48

The collapse of Harry Taylor had left the Brooklyn management scratching its head to find a replacement, one that would fill in with the other three starters, Ralph Branca, Preacher Roe and Joe Hatten. Barney had been counted upon in early season calculations, but his woeful lack of control had forced the Bums' brain-trust to give up on him.

Campy Returns

Then, early this month, the chunky little ex-Baltimore receiver was recalled from St. Paul, where he had been shipped on May 17, reportedly against the wishes of Manager Leo Durocher. Immediately, Campanella was in-look took a turn for the better.

Shuttling back and forth between seventh and eighth places at the time of Campanella's recall, the Dodgers today are in second place in the National League race and looming as a definite threat to the league-leading Boston Braves.

Why? First of all, the club has settled down and, with the exception of Bruce Edwards and Pete Reiser, the players have recovered from their many and varied injuries; (2) Branca, Roe and Hatten have hit their stride, and (3) Barney, after three years of frantic and seemingly hopeless searching, has discovered where the plate is located.

With Taylor a complete failure and shipped to St. Paul, the rejuvenation of Barney has been an unquestionable boon to the Dodger hopes. All this admitted, then the question becomes: How did Campanella have anything to do with it?

Answer Simple

The answer to that one ies simple: Roy has given Barney the confidence he lacked for so long. He has taught the big, likeable Iowan to relax, let the batter do the worrying, decide what he wants to throw, and to throw it.

Barney, himself, gives Campanella credit for his success. This, though, is no more than he was doing in Ciudad Trujillo in March and in the South in early April. He told the writer at that time:

"Roy is really a swell catcher. He's smart, he makes you think and he makes you work. I like pitching to him. Until he started catching me, I never even dreamed of trying a curve ball on a 3-1 or 3-2 pitch. The first time he called for it, I nearly passed out. I shook if off and he gave the sign right back again. You could've knocked me over with a pencil when I got the darned thing over."

Continued to Improve

When Campanella was moved up to the Dodgers and went on the Southern tour with them, he usually handled the three-inning stint that was Rex's in the various games. Barney cointinued to improve, walking fewer men with each appearance.

Evidence that what I write here is accurate and correct may be found in the fact that Campanella caught Barney in a majority of his spring training games. And Barney was selected as Leo Durocher's opening game pitcher!

Rex, however, did not pitch to Roy in that opener in the Polo Grounds and he failed to last. In fact, except for one game, at Boston, Apr. 27, Campanella did not get to catch Barney at all before he was sent away to the Saints. And in that game, the Dodgers faced a "red hot" Bill Voiselle and the Braves topped them, 2-0.

Others Couldn't Help

With Bruce Edwards and Gil Hodges doing the backstopping, Barney was charged with five losses in his first six games, none of which he completed. In three seasons with the Bums, Rex started 24 games, completed none.

Since Campanella returned to the fold and began handling him, Barney has rung up five consecutive victories, four of which he started and finished. On last Wednesday, with Roy behind the mask, Rex hurled his first major league shutout, a 5-0 job on the Chicago Cubs.

The rehabilitation of the big blaze-baller has been a most important cog in the wheels which have turned 16 victories in the Bums' last 20 games. More than anything else, the return of Roy Campanella has been responsible for this rehabilitation.

It's an assist that won't be found in the box-scores, but one that looms big in the National League club standings. Or don't you agree?

Majors Had 'Eyes For' Campanella 6 Yrs. Ago

Journal Guide
Sat 9-4-48

By ALVIN E. WHITE

NEW YORK—(ANP)—Six years ago, Roy Campanella caught the eye of the big league scouts.

At that time, Hans Lobert, manager of the Philadelphia National League team, is reported to have given Roy the once over and told him to "sit tight." That was in June, 1942.

Norfolk Va

Writing in the Daily News at the time, Lester Rose said that the Pittsburgh Pirates were interested in several colored players and President Bill Benswanger explained, "Colored men are American citizens with American rights. I know there are many problems connected with the question, but after all, somebody has to make the first move."

At the time, Frankie Frisch was managing the Pirates and Benswanger failed to make the "first move."

THE SITUATION

Mr. Benswanger said at that time he wasn't going to foist any colored boy on his manager and arbitrarily order Frankie Frisch to get rid of a player to make room for him.

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"I can tell you this, any move I make will be calculated to help our team and the game. I am not going to hire a player only because he's colored. If we hire and then drop a colored player who doesn't make the grade, I suppose we'll be automatically be accused of discrimination," he said.

Since that memorable day, July 26, 1942, many things have happened and while colored men have gone on to make good in the big leagues when given the chance,

the attitude of the paper which reported the story has changed. No longer are they colored men and women, but the paper delights in reporting race as Negro.

Campanella Gets Dodger No. 56

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, R.D.—The Brooklyn Dodgers' property custodian and locker-room manager, John Griffin, measured Catcher Ray Campanella for his Dodger uniform here Friday.

According to Griffin, the new Bum backstopper will wear No. 56 on his back on the tour of Florida, Texas, Oklahoma, North Carolina and Baltimore, Md.

Campanella Subject To 24-Hour Recall

BROOKLYN (NNPA—Roy Campanella, the catcher whom the Brooklyn Dodgers brought up during the training season from their International League farm club, the Montreal Royals, last Monday was sent to St. Paul of the American Association as the club farmed out eight players to reduce their roster to 26.

Campanella, who becomes the first colored player to crash the American Association, is subject to recall on 24-hour notice. 5-29 —

DODGERS TOP PHILS BEHIND BRANCA, 5-1

Hermanski, Campanella Blows Help as Brooks Hold Slim Second-Place Margin

Times 9-27-48

By ROSCOE McGOWEN

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 26—Going the route for the first time since July 21 big Ralph Branca today pitched the Dodgers to a 5-1 triumph over the Phils before 14,772 fans, who came out to see the locals for the last time this year.

The one Philadelphia run, scored in the seventh by Jack Mayo, was unearned because of an opening error by Pee Wee Reese. A single by Puddin-Head Jones followed the boot and Mayo counted while Ralph Caballero and Jones were being erased in a double play.

There was a touch of irony in Branca's good performance—he allowed only five hits and didn't walk anybody until the eighth — because his return to form came a bit too late, what with the Braves clinching the pennant.

Now the Brooks have nothing for which to battle save second place, a position they hold by a slender margin over the Cardinals. It was Branca's fourteenth triumph against eight defeats, while young Robin Roberts was saddled with his ninth loss after winning eight.

Hermanski Blasts Triple

Roberts was in arrears early in the game, Gene Hermanski blasting a two-run triple high off the right-field wall in the first inning. This wallop, coming with two out, scored Jackie Robinson, who had beaten out a bunt and stolen second, and Pistol Pete Reiser, who had walked.

In the next frame Roy Campanella exploded a three-and-two pitch into the upper left-field stands for his ninth homer of the campaign to make it 3—0.

The other tallies came in the fourth and fifth innings and all off Roberts, who went out in the Phils' half of the fifth to let Bama Rowell bat for him.

Reiser opened the fourth with a sizzling line double to center and finally scored after two were out when Campanella slashed a single to left.

Scampers on Home

Marv Rackley, who had outfooted a bunt in the third, opened the fifth with a single to left, went to second on Robinson's sacrifice and then stole third. When Jones let Seminick's throw through for an error Rackley scampered on home.

Thereafter Curt Simmons southpawed the Brooks into hitless submission for three innings and Dick Koecher, another young portsider, planked them in the ninth.

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Andy Seminick, who has heard little save boos from Philly fans all season, had his "day" before the game. A variety of gifts included a $500 bond, an immense inscribed cake, a wrist watch and a life membership in the Elizabethton, Tenn., Chamber of Commerce, Andy's home town. The bond came from the Federated Orthodox Russian Clubs of the United States and Canada.

The Dodgers wound up their road season with a total paid attendance of 1,634,917 for 77 games, including twelve double-headers.

The box score:

BROOKLYN (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Rackley, cf.	5	1	2	3	0	0
Robinson, 2b.	4	1	1	4	1	0
Reese, ss.	4	0	0	1	3	1
Reiser, lf.	3	2	2	4	0	0
Herm'ski, rf.	3	0	1	0	0	0
Hodges, 1b.	4	0	0	8	0	0
C'panella, c.	3	1	2	6	0	0
Miksis, 3b.	2	0	0	1	3	0
Branca, p.	3	0	0	0	0	0
Total	31	5	8	27	7	1

PHILADELPHIA (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Walker, cf.	3	0	0	2	0	0
Hamner, ss.	3	0	1	0	4	0
Sisler, 1b.	4	0	1	10	0	1
Ennis, rf.	4	0	0	0	0	0
Mayo, lf.	4	1	0	4	0	0
Jones, 3b.	4	0	2	0	1	1
Cab'lero, 2b.	3	0	0	2	2	0
dBlatnik	1	0	0	0	0	0
Seminick, c.	2	0	1	5	1	0
cPosschl	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lapata, c.	1	0	0	4	0	0
Roberts, p.	1	0	0	0	2	0
aRowell	1	0	0	0	0	0
Simmons, p.	0	0	0	0	0	0
bHaas	1	0	0	0	0	0
Koecher, p.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	32	1	5	27	10	2

aRolled out for Roberts in fifth.
bFlied out for Simmons in eighth.
cRan for Seminick in fifth.
dFanned for Caballero in ninth.

Brooklyn	2 1 0	1 1 0	0 0 0	—5
Philadelphia	0 0 0	0 0 0	1 0 0	—1

Runs batted in—Hermanski 2, Campanella 2 (Rackley scored on Jones' error), Mayo scored when Caballero hit into double play.

Two-base hits—Reiser 2, Hamner 1. Three-base hits—Hermanski. Home run—Campanella. Sacrifice—Robinson, Miksis. Double plays—Reese to Robinson to Hodges. Stolen bases—Rackley, Robinson, Reiser. Left on bases, Brooklyn 6, Philadelphia 6. Bases on balls—Roberts, Branca 2, Koecher 2, Simmons 1. Strikeouts—By Roberts 3, Branca 6, Simmons 3, Koecher 1. Hits—Roberts 8 in 5 innings, Simmons 0 in 3, Koecher 0 in 1 inning. Losing pitcher—Roberts. Umpires—Henline, Conlan. Time—2:02. Attendance—14,772.

Homers by Hodges, Campanella Trounce Giants for Dodgers

Herald Tribune

Onslaught in Eighth Routs Kennedy as Hatten Gets Credit for Thirteenth Victory; Rivals End Season Series With Eleven Triumphs Each

By Ed Sinclair

Some of those atrocities visited on the Dodgers by the Giants since the Big Switch in managers in July were wiped off the books yesterday afternoon. Burt Shotton's young men did everything but filch the family jewels at the Polo Grounds while they humiliated the Giants, 7 to 1, before 9,243 spectators.

The victory, the fourth straight achieved by alien forces over the New York club, evened the year's business between the metropolitan teams at eleven games each. It also broke a three-game losing streak for Brooklyn. The Giants have now dropped nine of their last eleven games.

Every device imaginable was used by the Dodgers to torture the minds (sic) of the Giants. Gil Hodges and Roy Campanella hit successive home runs; Marvin Rackley stole home and the entire Brooklyn club combined to harry the New York players into making costly errors afield.

What bit of solace there was for Giant fans came in the seventh inning, when Johnny Mize rifled home run No. 39 into the upper right-field stands. Up to that time four Brooklyn double plays had snuffed out every incipient New York rally.

The rough stuff began in the second inning when Montia Kennedy, the Giants' southpaw starter, gave up two bases on balls and a single which loaded the bases. Gene Hermanski lashed a drive towards first and Mize booted the ball. The run which scored was followed immediately by another on Lefty Joe Hatten's fly to right field.

Kennedy got out of that situation without further damage and went along fairly well until the eighth. Here Messrs. Hodges and Campanella put in their two cents. Carl Furillo was on base after forcing out Rackley when Hodges chipped No. 11 into the upper left field seats near the foul pole. Campanella's blast, his eighth of the year, was a real shot—well over 400 feet and much farther out in left center.

Mize's four-bagger and a double to left by Bobby Thomson brought Erv Palica on from the Brooklyn bull pen in the bottom of the seventh. Erv got the side out this time but in the very next inning, he loaded the bases with two walks and a single after there was one out.

Preacher Roe was called upon to negate the threat and he did by fanning Mize and getting Willard Marshall on a grounder to Hodges. Then the last inning started, and what a Giant Gethsemane it was.

Ken Trinkle, Kennedy's successor, had retired the first Dodger when Jackie Robinson singled to center. After Pewee Reese flied out, Robinson stole second, kept on going to third when Wes Westrum's throw went into center field and came on home while Pet Milne held the ball and watched him.

Rackley then hit to center and made third on Furillo's safety to left. Here came the double steal and Jack Lohrke, taking the peg at second, threw wildly to Westrum in an attempt to cut off the run. Furillo, of course, proceeded to third but he deid there while Hodges flied out.

BROOKLYN (N. L.)	ab	r	h	po	a
Brown 3b	5	0	1	0	1
Miksis 3b	0	0	0	0	0
Robinson 2b	3	1	2	2	3
Reese ss	3	0	1	2	3
Reiser lf	3	0	0	2	0
Rackley lf	2	1	2	2	0
Furillo cf	4	2	3	2	0
Hodges 1b	5	2	2	8	1
Campanella c	3	1	1	6	1
Hermanski rf	4	0	0	2	0
Hatten p	3	0	0	1	1
Palica p	1	0	0	0	0
Roe p	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	36	7	12	27	10

NEW YORK (N. L.)	ab	r	h	po	a
Kerr ss	3	0	0	4	1
Lohrke 2b	5	0	3	3	3
Gordon 3b	3	0	1	0	2
Mize 1b	4	1	1	6	0
Marshall rf	4	0	1	2	1
Thomson lf	4	0	2	3	0
Layton cf	2	0	1	4	0
*Mueller	1	0	0	0	0
Westrum c	1	0	1	2	0
Yvars c	1	0	0	3	1
†McCarthy	1	0	0	0	0
Milne cf	1	0	0	0	0
Kennedy p	2	0	0	0	2
‡Frey	1	0	0	0	0
Trinkle p	0	0	0	0	0
§Rhawn	1	0	1	0	0
Totals	34	1	11	27	10

*Batted for Layton in seventh and struck out.
†Batted for Yvars in seventh and flied out.
‡Batted for Kennedy in eighth and struck out.
§Batted for Trinkle in ninth and doubled.

Brooklyn	0 2 0	0 0 0	0 3 2	—7
New York	0 0 0	0 0 0	1 0 0	—1

Errors—Mize, Westrum, Milne, Lohrke. Runs batted in—Hermanski, Hatten, Mize, Hodges 2, Campanella. Two-base hits—Thomson, Rhawn. Home runs—Mize, Hodges, Campanella. Stolen bases—Rackley, Furillo, Robinson. Double plays—Robinson, Reese and Hodges; Brown, Robinson and Hodges; Hatten, Campanella and Hodges; Reese, Robinson and Hodges; Lohrke, Kerr and Mize. Left on bases—Brooklyn 8, New York 10. Bases on balls—Kennedy 5, Hatten 1, Palica 2, Roe 1. Strikeouts—Kennedy 3, Palica 2, Roe 2, Trinkle 1. Hits—Off Hatten, 8 in 6⅓ innings; Palica, 1 in 1; Roe, 2 in 1⅔; Kennedy, 9 in 8; Trinkle, 3 in 1. Hit by pitcher—By Kennedy (Robinson). Winning pitcher—Hatten. Losing pitcher—Kennedy. Umpires—Ballanfant, Barlick, Barr and Dascoli. Time—2:25. Attendance—9,243 (paid).

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In This Corner...

Daily Worker New York, N.Y.

By Bill Mardo

Hunch Confirmed

Tues. 3-16-48

THE TIP OFFERED here that Roy Campanella would **NOT** come up to Brooklyn as a converted outfielder has been confirmed in private strategem huddles among Rickey and his aides in Ciudad Trujillo. The outfield experiment didn't last too long—and didn't make much sense. The Dodgers have more skilled outfield candidates than they know what to do with, and it was hardly feasible to add Roy to the weeding out muddle when he is potentially the best catcher in baseball. Neither Bobby Bragan or Gil Hodges were the ideal choices behind Bruce Edwards—but more than that—Campy, as I've said time and again, may very well take over Bruce's varsity berth. There's much in Campy's favor—catlike baserunning speed which Edwards doesn't have, a throwing whip rated better than anything in the major circuit, of course, that loud smoking bat.

CAMPANELLA

Roy Campanella To Be 1st Negro In Association

The Courier-Journal Louisville, Ky. Tues. 5-18-48

Brooklyn, N. Y., May 17 (AP)—Roy Campanella, the Brooklyn Dodgers' Negro catcher, was sent to St. Paul of the American Association today as the Brooks farmed out eight players to reduce their roster to 26.

Campanella thus becomes the first member of his race to play in the Association.

The Dodgers sent out five pitchers — Willie Ramsdell and John Hall to Mobile of the Southern Association, Dwain Sloat to Ft. Worth of the Texas League, and John Van Cuyk and Paul Minner to Montreal of the International League.

Infielder Bob Ramazzotti was returned to St. Paul and outfielder Edwin (Duke) Snider was shipped to Montreal.

Brooklyn Rookie's Blows Pace Twenty-Hit Attack

Herald Tribune Mon. New York, N.Y. 7-5-48

New York Uses Seven Pitchers and Winners Send in Six in 3½-Hour Game at Ebbets Field; Reiser's Pinch Single in 9th Wins Game

By Harold Rosenthal

Fully aware that the use of the word "fireworks" in connection with a fourth of July baseball story constitutes grounds for the immediate revocation of your second-guessing license, this department, at a late hour last night, was forced to go along with it through lack of an equally-potent synonym to describe the Dodgers' 13-to-12 victory over the Giants at Ebbets Field yesterday. Are these fireworks or aren't they?:

The Dodgers rapped out twenty hits, including two home runs by Roy Campanella, Negro rookie catcher brought up from St. Paul late last week. They put seven Giant pitchers through the wringer, starting with Ray Poat and finishing three and one-half hours later with Sheldon Jones, who came in as a ninth-inning replacement. Post lasted through the seventh, too.

The Dodgers used six pitchers themselves, starting with Harry Taylor and ending with Erv Palica in the ninth. Palica got the credit for the victory just as Jones was tagged with the setback. Together this prolific use of pitching talent just missed by one the major league mark of fourteen set by the Giants and the Chicago Cubs in 1944.

37 Players See Action

Herald Tribune

Altogether thirty-seven players got into the game, twenty for the Dodgers and seventeen for the Giants. There was something for every member of the family in this one from Willard Marshall's fence-clearing clout in the ninth to a pair of Dodger runs walked in during the horrendous eighth inning when three Giant hurlers were required to extinguish the Dodgers.

The highlight of the afternoon, not only for the 28,770 fans but for the Dodgers' slightly-desperate board of strategy, was Campanella's brace of home runs. Both were tremendous belts which landed in the uper deck in left field. It's been a long time since someone wearing a Dodger uniform has carried on like this in Ebbets Field. Campy may be just what the doctor prescribed to haul the Dodgers out of the second division. N.Y.

Campanella's first homer was smote off Poat. It was his sixth straight hit in the three games he has played thus far (there was a walk interspersed). After that he flied out twice, then accounted for two runs in the ninth by hitting Monte Kennedy's three-and-two pitch far, far away. As of this moment Campanella's major league batting average is an even .750.

The Dodgers won in the ninth, with none out, on Pete Reiser's pinch single to right field. Previously they tied the score at 3—3 in the fourth, relinquished it when the Giants scored two in the fifth and three in the sixth, then fought back bitterly in the hair-raising seventh and eighth, nullifying the Giants' five-run lead. 7-5-48

Looks Like 'Goom-Bye'

When the Giants racked up four runs in their half of the ninth, however, to take the lead for the third time, it looked like 'goom-bye' for the Dodgers.

Ralph Branca the Dodgers' big right-handed winner this year, suddenly found himself projected into the act at the start of the ninth. He was slightly less than effective. Herald Tribune

Marshall led off with his tenth home run. Jack Conway, the Giants shortstop was safe on Eddie Miksis's bad throw and Bob Thompson pinch-singled to set the stage for Bill Rigney's seventh homer of the year. Palica finished up and gave up a single before getting the next two men. N.Y.

But if the Dodgers had writhed under the Giants' lash in the ninth inning the party hadn't even started for what remained of Mel Ott's pitching corps. Kennedy replaced Alex Konikowski, who had given way to a pinch-hitter. He faced two batters. Gil Hodges nicked him for a single and Campannella tied the ball game with his second homer. 7-5-48

Jones then got the nod and he pitched to four men. He surrendered a single to Dick Whitman, walked Pee Wee Reese and watched Jackie Robinson beat out

***POWDERING THE BALL:** Roy Campanella, of the Dodgers, who added two home runs yesterday to his recent heavy hitting*

Campanella, Hermanski Wallop Homers Off Poat

Herald Tribune New York, N.Y. Sat. 7-10-48

Brooklyn Catcher's Clout Accounts for Two Runs; Cooper Hits 4-Bagger Off Barney With 2 On; Series Opener Attracts Crowd of 45,000

By Harold Rosenthal

The New York Giants and the Brooklyn Dodgers, one seeking to clamber from the bottom of the first division and the other endeavoring to rise to the top of the second, clashed last night under the Polo Grounds lights before a crowd of 45,000. It was the first of a three-game series and Mel Ott, Giants' manager, sent his big right-handed winner, Ray Poat, to the mound.

The Dodgers led, 6 to 3, at the end of the fifth inning as this edition went to press.

Opposing him was Rex Barney, Brooklyn right-hander. Barney, with a record of three victories and five losses, as opposed to Poat's record of eight and one had beaten the New Yorkers in his first start this year.

After that he went to an eleven-inning 4-to-4 tie at Ebbets Field in a game halted to permit both to depart on Western trips. The last time Barney encountered the Giants he lost at Ebbets Field in a one-inning relief role.

Hermanski Nipped at Second

Herald Tribune

The Dodgers went down in order in the first inning. Peewee Reese flied to Les Layton and Jackie Robinson put up a high one to Bobby Thomson. Gene Hermanski singled to center field, but was thrown out by Thomson when he tried to stretch it to a double.

Barney walked Layton, the first batter in the Giant's half of the first, but he got the next three men. Buddy Kerr tapped a grounder to Barney, who threw him out, Sid Gordon fouled out to Roy Campanella, the catcher, and Johnny Mize lifted a towering pop fly to Gil Hodges on first base. New York, N.Y.

With one away in the second, Brooklyn picked up two runs on Campanella's third homer of his short major-league career. With Edwards on first after hitting through shortstop, Campanella slammed the first pitch into the upper left-field stands. To date he has hit all his circuit clouts off

Giant pitching. Sat.

After that Carl Furillo flied to Willard Marshall and Gil Hodges struck out. 7-10-48

Thomson Strikes Out

Barney got the Giants in order in the second, with Walker Cooper flying out to Furillo, Marshall putting down a roller to Robinson and Thomson striking out.

Infield outs took care of the Dodgers in the third. Barney put one down to Bill Rigney. Gordon made a one-handed stop on Reese's liner and Kerr threw out Robinson.

With two away in the third, the Giants picked up their first hit, a single by Layton into left field. Kerr forced him, however, on a grounder to Reese. Sat.

Gene Hermanski's clout into the right-field stands, leading off the Dodgers fourth inning, gave Brooklyn a 3-to-0 lead. After that Mize made the play on Shuba at first base unassisted and Edwards and Campanella each looked at a third strike. 7-10-48

Gordon opened the Giants' fourth by beating out a single to third base. He went to second when Mize lifted a blooper into short center field. Furillo came charging in and tumbled head over heels trying to catch it. He failed, but stopped it.

Cooper's Homer Ties Score

Herald-Tribune

Then, with tw omen on base, Cooper looked at successive strikes. He sliced the third pitch into the upper right-field stands, tying the score at 3 to 3. It was Cooper's sixth home run of the season. Marshall then struck out, Thompson flied out to Furillo and Rigney fanned. Newark, N.J.

Hodges singled off Gordon's glove with one out in the fifth then beat tht throw to second by Poat on Barney's bunt. Barney was safe at first, too. Both runners advanced on a wild pitch. Reese's single to left scored Hodges. Barney held third, but R eese totok second when Gordon fumbled the throw-in from Layton. That finished Poat and he was replaced by Sheldon Jones. 7-10-48

Robinson put down a grounder to Kerr, who threw wild to the plate attempting to catch Barney. Reese followed Barney across while Cooper went looking for the ball and Robinson took second base.

Hermanski flied out to Layton and Shuba retired the side by grounding to Rigney. Sat.

Roy Campanella Helps Lift Bums From Cellar

The Chronicle

PHILADELPHIA Phila

The patchwork Brooklyn Dodgers, paced by the heavy hitting of Roy Campanella, moved from their cellar berth in the National League, into sixth place over the holiday weekend.

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Campanella, hurriedly recalled from the St. Paul club of the American Association, was inserted in the Brooklyn lineup last Friday night. Three Brook catchers saw nine innings of action in the same game. Two other catchers, Bruce Edwards and Gil Hodges, played at third and first base respectively. The Brooks lost to the New York Giants, 6-4. Columbus Ohio

Campanella got three hits, including a double. He made one error, seven putouts, and one assist. He also made a spectacular catch of Jack Lohrke's foul near the Dodger dugout to end the Giant's ninth inning uprising.

Saturday, Campanella led a 10-hit attack on four Giant pitchers with two singles, a triple and a walk in four trips. The Brooks won, 7-5 to end a six-game losing streak and move out of the cellar. Sat.

The rookie catcher continued his assault on Giant pitching Sunday afternoon. He slammed out two two-run homers and a single in five times at bat. He knocked in four runs and the Brooks won their second straight, 13-12. 7-10-48

His Sunday efforts marked the third straight game in which he garnered three hits. His heavy stickwork zoomed his major league batting average up to .750 at that point.

The Brooks continued their winning ways by taking both ends of a holiday twin-bill from the Phillies at Philadelphia Monday. They won the first game, 4-3, and the second, 10-1.

The three Philly hurlers who saw action against the Brooks Monday limited Campanella to a single in the second game, his only hit in 10 official times at bat. Sat.

His average for the five games he's played since returning to Brooklyn last Friday is .455—10 hits in 22 times at bat. 7-10-48

JACKIE ROBINSON'S nine game hitting streak was ended last Thursday when he failed to get a safety off Schoolboy Rowe. The Phillies topped the Dodgers, 4-2.

He was back in the hit column again on Friday, getting one of the Dodger's 10 hits as they lost to the New York Giants. Sat.

Robinson banged out three hits in five trips in Sunday's 20-hit bombardment of the Giants and collected two more in the first game of Monday's doubleheader at Philadelphia. 7-10-48

Ohio State News

Campanella Hits For St. Paul Nine

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ST. PAUL, Min.

Roy Campanella finally hit his stride with the St. Paul club of the American Association here Monday as the Saints humbled Minneapolis, 11-6 in a morning game. The ex-Brooklyn Dodger, weak at the plate and on the defense during his first games with St. Paul last week, banged out two hits in two official times at bat and scored three runs. Sat. 6-5-48

Both of his hits were for extra bases, one a homer and the other a triple. He also batted in three runs. He was credited with six putouts and participated in one double play. His showing in this game was by far his best of the 1948 season.

Campanella Drives in Clincher

Free Press
Detroit Mich
Thur.

Long Fly with Bases Loaded Decides Game

BROOKLYN—(AP)—Roy Campanella's long fly to left field with one out and the bases loaded in the 11th inning enabled Carl Furillo to score from third after the catch with the run that gave the Brooklyn Dodgers a 4-3 victory over the Boston Braves.

It was Brooklyn's sixth straight victory. Thur. 7-8-48

Preacher Roe, who pitched 6⅔ innings of scoreless baseball, was credited with the victory. Warren Spahn went all the way for the Braves to be charged with his sixth defeat.

BOSTON	AB	H	O	A	BROOKLYN	AB	H	O	A
Stanky,2	4	1	3	4	Reese,s	5	1	6	3
Dark,s	5	1	3	5	Rob'son,2	5	1	3	3
Torge'n,1	3	2	9	0	Furillo,cf	4	1	2	0
F.M'C'k,1	1	0	1	0	Shuba,lf	4	1	2	0
Elliott,3	3	0	0	2	Edwards,3	4	1	1	2
Holmes,r	4	0	0	0	Campa'a,c	5	0	7	0
Conat'r,lf	1	0	1	0	Herma'i,r	4	2	4	0
Russell,cf	5	1	3	0	Hodges,1	4	0	8	1
Heath,lf	2	0	3	0	Branca,p	1	0	0	1
M.M'C'k,1	3	0	1	0	Roe,p	3	0	0	1
Salkeld,c	3	0	6	0					
Masi,c	2	0	1	0					
Spahn,p	3	0	1	1					
Totals	39	5z	32	12	Totals	39	7	33	11

zTwo out when winning run scored.

Boston	001	020	000	000—3
Brooklyn	010	002	000	001—4

R—Stanky, Dark 2, Reese, Robinson, Furillo, Edwards. E—Hodges, Dark, Edwards. RBI—Edwards, Campanella, Torgeson 3, Furillo 2. 2B—Torgeson, Robinson. 3B—Torgeson. HR—Edwards. S—Shuba. DP—Robinson, Reese and Hodges. LB—Boston 8, Brooklyn 6. BB—Spahn 2, Branca 5. SO—Spahn 6, Branca 1, Roe 3. H—Branca 3 in 4⅓. Roe 2 in 6⅔. WP—Roe. Attendance—35,500.

Shuba Drives In Run for Brooklyn on His First Major-League Turn at Bat With Single Off Hansen in Opening Frame Before 25,000

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By Al Laney New York Tribune

With both clubs in the throes of losing streaks, the Dodgers met the Giants last night at Ebbets Field, where New York has won only one game this year and only six since 1944. In an effort to bet back on the winning side, both teams were shaken up, the Dodgers radically, with three catchers and a rookie hurriedly called up from Mobile in the starting line-up.

The Giants led, 2 to 1, in the fifth inning as this edition went to press. Sat. 7-3-48

New York 0 0 0 2
Brooklyn 1 0 0 0

Hansen and Cooper; Roe and Campanella.

Roy Campanella, Negro catcher also hurriedly called in from Montreal, was behind the plate. Gil Hodges was on first base and Bruce Edwards was at third in place of Billy Cox, who was benched. Also benched was Marvin Rackley, left fielder. George Shuba, the Mobile rookie, replaced him.

Mel Ott, Giant manager, benched Bobby Thomson, young centerfielder and sent Les Layton, reserve outfielder and pinch hitter to left field. Whitey Lockman moved over to centerfield.

Conway at Second

The Giants also were without Bill Rigney, second baseman, who was spiked in Boston on Thursday. Jack Conway played second.

Preacher Roe, left-hander, was on the mound for Brooklyn and Andy Hansen, right-hander, whose only victory of the year was over Brooklyn in Ebbets Field a month ago, pitched for New York. A crowd of more than 25,000 was on hand. New York Tribune

After Roe had got Conway and Lockman easily, Layton, batting third, put Edwards to the test with a slow roller toward third. Bruce was unable to make the play and the runner was safe on an infield hit. John Mize was an easy infield out, however.

The Dodgers began on Hansen with the first pitch, which Pee-Wee Reese hit to left center for a double, and this was turned into a run. Jackie Robinson lined to left, but Reese advanced to third on a wild pitch and scored on Shuba's hit through Mize. Edwards hit into a double play, Gordon, Conway and Mize.

Campanella Doubles

The Giants went out in order in the top of the second and the Dodgers were scoreless in their half, even though Campanella banged a double off the right-field scoreboard with two out.

Buddy Kerr laid down a bunt toward third and beat it out to open the third, but could not get beyond first. Hansen popped out trying to bunt and, with the hit and run on, Conway swung and missed and Kerr was thrown out at second. Conway then rolled out.

Hansen walked Pete Reiser for the second time with two out in the third and Pete promptly stole second, but Shuba popped out to send the game into the fourth inning with the Dodgers leading, 1 to 0. 7-3-48

The batting order:

NEW YORK	BROOKLYN
Conway, 2b	Reese, ss
Lockman, cf	Robinson, 2b
Layton, lf	Reiser, rf
Mize, 1b	Shuba, lf
Cooper, c	Edwards, 3b
Gordon, 3b	Furillo, cf
Marshall, rf	Hodges, 1b
Kerr, ss	Campanella, c
Hansen, p	Roe, p

Umpires—Gore, Pinelli and Robb.

As of TODAY

Indians' Larry Doby Needs Only Confidence

Free Press 47a

Detroit, Mich

BY LYALL SMITH

Fri 4-23-48

IF LARRY DOBY, 23-year-old Negro, doesn't make the grade as a big leaguer, he will surprise (1) Manager Lou Boudreau, (2) three Cleveland coaches, (3) a coterie of Indian newsmen, and (4) Larry Doby.

"He's got a tough job," admitted Coach Bill McKechnie. "But he also has everything a good ballplayer has to have . . . he can hit long and sharp . . . he can throw . . . he can field . . . and he can run as fast as a racehorse. Up until Friday afternoon, all he lacked was confidence. He's getting that now . . . in a hurry."

McKechnie contends that Doby's task of staying in the major leagues is tougher than was that of Jackie Robinson, his color counterpart in the National League.

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Robinson Had It Easier

"ROBINSON was farmed out a year to Montreal," Bill explains. "He didn't have to jump straight from the Negro League to the bigtime. Doby did. That's tough . . . just about as tough as a kid going from Class D right to the top . . ."

Larry Doby

There is more of a parallel between Doby and Robinson than the fact that both are Negroes. Jackie was the first member of his race to play in the N. L. Doby holds that same distinction in the junior circuit.

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Both came from the Negro League as second basemen. Robinson was converted into a first baseman by Brooklyn because of expediency. Doby was shifted to the outfield by the Indians through the insistence of Coach McKechnie with an assist by a 52-year-old Negro named Buzz Mackie.

It is no secret in the Indian camp that Doby was ready to be cut loose at the close of the 1947 season. He had been signed up on July 5. In his major league debut he struck out on three pitches.

Detroit, Mich

In 32 trips to the plate last season he made only five hits. One was a double. His average was .156. His baseball future with the Indians hung by a slender thread.

After the last game of the year against the Tigers, Doby dropped alongside McKechnie. "Tell me frankly, Mr. McKechnie," he said. "Do I have a chance to be a big league ballplayer?"

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McKechnie said that he did. "But," he admonished, "you'll have to get rid of some of the ways you played ball before you came up. That wild swing is a crowd pleaser but it won't help you in the majors. What's more, I think you should be an outfielder where your speed will help you more than it does now. What do you think?"

Doby was willing to think anything so long as it would give him the chance to stick with the Tribe. The outfield angle wasn't actually new. While Larry never had played it, his manager on the Newark Eagles . . . Buzz Mackie . . . had told Scout Bill Killefer that his young infielder would do better in the outfield as a major leaguer.

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The Scout Liked Doby--

KILLEFER HAD been sent out to scout Doby and he liked what he saw in the clean-cut young Negro. He passed Mackie's tip on to McKechnie after Doby was signed to a Cleveland contract. It wasn't followed until this spring.

Doby came out of training camp with a batting average of .354. It was second only to the .375 compiled by Manager Boudreau and put him high on the list of eight outfielders carried by the Tribe.

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His starting debut last Tuesday at Cleveland was anything but auspicious. He struck out twice and muffed a flyball for an error. His starting debut at Briggs stadium was just the opposite. His home run was a towering thing that really was tagged. His speed gave him one infield hit. A shortened swing . . . no crowd pleaser . . . provided a second one-bagger. What's more, he slammed a ball to the fence in left just as if to prove he can hit to all fields.

Detroit, Mich

He came back Saturday with a triple and single off Art Houtteman to give him five hits in eight official trips to the plate against two of the best hurlers the Tigers can offer.

"We've said all along that Doby just needs confidence to make him a real big league star," McKechnie said. "If he doesn't have that confidence now, all I can say is that it looks like he's getting it."

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Larry Doby Displays Power At Indians' Training Camp

Daily World

Sat [illegible]

Atlanta Ga

TUCSON, Ariz. —(NNPA)— The presence of Larry Doby in the Cleveland Indians' outfield has further complicated an already complex situation.

The Indians bought Doby last season from the Newark Eagles as an infielder. He was used as an understudy to Joe Gordon, the Indians' flashy second baseman. He seldom got into the game and his batting average at the end of the season was less than his weight.

Of the eight outfielders on the squad of thirty-nine Indians, Doby was generally conceded the least likely to succeed until last Thursday. And then he convinced everybody that he is an extremely strong contender with a tremendous display of power.

When the two teams were made up, Doby, who seems and acts much less tense and nervous than he did last year, was listed as the reserve outfielder on the second team. He was inserted in the lineup in the late innings and went to bat once.

BLASTS BALL OUT OF PARK

In that one appearance, Doby watched a high ball sail across the plate, a bad pitch that the Doby of last year might have swung at. The next offering was right down the middle, and Larry blasted it high over the right field wall which was all the more remarkable because of a strong wind blowing in toward the field.

"I don't think we have six men on the squad that can hit a ball that far," Bill Veeck, Indians' president, said. "You know I have always liked that boy. I think he's going to make a great ball player and it may not be too far off."

Doby is one of the most conscientious players in camp. Shifted to the outfield after an unsuccessful fling at first and second bases, he works long and hard on the field of ground balls. One of the fastest men on the team, he also practices the base running techniques.

Doby Passes Robinson In Batting List

Defender

Chicago Ill

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Sat. 5-15-48

Jackie Robinson continued to hit safely in the National League race in Pittsburgh on Sunday, May 9, as the Brooklyn Dodgers divided with the Pittsburgh Pirates, 14-2, and 8-10.

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He hit safely in both contests.

Robinson added to his run scoring with two in each contest. He played first base in the opener but was switched to second base in the second game.

Campanella, who is reported to be sent back to Montreal for another year or traded to St. Paul of the American Association, did not play over the week end.

Larry Doby, Cleveland's outfielder, hit a homer in the second game against the Boston Red Sox in Boston Sunday. He hit safely in both games and passed Robinson in the batting percentage as of and including Sunday's twin bills.

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The averages of the two men are:

Robinson: 38 times at bat, 11 hits and 2 runs with a batting average of .190.

Doby: 57 times at bat, 11 hits and 14 runs with a batting average of .193.

Doby Back as Indians Start Vital Road Trip

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"As soon as his injured ankle heals, Larry Doby will be our centerfielder!" That was the way Cleveland Indian Manager Lou Boudreau settled, temporarily at least, what could well be the major Tribe problem during the final half of the pennant campaign.

Oddly enough this was one spot which originally figured to give the Indians no headaches at all, but a succession of injuries and disappointments began rocking the boat so violently that there seemed to be some danger of it capsizing.

As the season opened speedy Thurman Tucker had been installed as custodian of the middle garden. From the outset he proved a terrific lift as he scampered all over the centerfield acreage with the same agility that had previously won him the defensive leadership among outfielders. At bat he poked, lined and an his way to a .300 average, besides scoring a run a game and tealing seven bases. But this handsome performance was not destined to last! One afternoon late in May, while facing his former mates, the Chicago White Sox, he was hit on he finger by a pitched ball. The resulting fracture required a metal splint which he's still wearing at this writing, six weeks late.

To centerfield in his place went Walt Judnich, long ball hitting ex-Brownie. But Walt couldn't seem to really get going. He wasn't as ast as Tucker afield nor could he produce any consistent threat at the plate.

Hopefully, Manager Boudreau sent ucker back into the lineup—splint nd all. Unfortunately, the expreient didn't work for, with the inred finger sticking up like a soty matron drinking tea, Tucker ldn't hit a lick. The Indians dropped 3 to the Yankees and 1 to the A's before it became obvious that the bespectacled hustler wasn't ready.

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At this point Boudreau decided on a desperation move which may ay handsome dividends before the ummer is over. Into this all-mportant spot he inserted his inxperienced but fleet-footed young egro outfielder, Larry Doby. Alost at once the 23 year old rookie howed a decided liking for that spacious territory—and enemy pitching. Besides making several sensational catches and rifle throws to cut down the opposition, he embarked on a week-long batting splurge that totaled .448 for 8 games. But the old injury jinx popped up again as Doby suffered a severe sprain as he twisted his ankle rounding second.

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However, he expects to be ready for the Tribe opener in Philadelphia today—a mighty encouraging note as the Indians embark on this traditionally crucial third trip east.

Larry Doby Joins Indians at Camp

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PATERSON, N.J.—Larry Doby, former member of the Newark Eagles and one-time all round high school ace here, has left for Tucson, Ariz., to begin spring training with the Cleveland Indians of the American League.

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Before leaving Doby said that while he is confident he will make the grade necessary for major league baseball, he will have no objection to going to a farm team because of his love for the game.

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Doby spent part of the winter season playing basketball with the Paterson Crescents.

Larry's Future Bright

The Courier
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Pittsburgh Pa

By AL DUNMORE

CLEVELAND—Ranked high among the members of the newly crowned world baseball champions, the Cleveland Indians, are Lawrence Edward Doby, the 23-year-old slugging outfielder and Leroy Satchel Paige, the veteran and ageless pitcher.

A year ago only those very close to the plannings of the Indians for their 1948 campaign would have predicted that Larry Doby, the youngster bought from the Newark Eagles for $10,000 in mid-season of '47 and who had hit a paltry .156 while appearing in 21 games primarily as a pinch-hitter, would be a standout member of the squad that would wrap up every team prize available in the game.

As for Satchel . . . even the most accurate soothsayer would have failed to predict that he would be signed to a contract by a big league team.

But no one took into consideration the over-powering desire of Bill Veeck, the amazing president of the Cleveland Indians, to bring to the city of Cleveland a World Series . . . along with the determination to break every known attendance and money-making record in the book.

Only two men with the courage to make unprecedented moves as Veeck and his fiery manager Lou Boudreau . . . and a kid with the makings of a champion such as Doby could have combined to produce the results.

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COULD BOUNCE BACK

Doby had something, however, and came through by hitting and fielding sensationally in spring training. Even though he had never played in the outfield before, he showed remarkable possibilities . . . listened intently, worked hard, learned quickly. He displayed tremendous speed, a great throwing arm . . . but most important was his ability to recuperate after making major mistakes both at bat and in the field . . . he had the resiliency to snap back . . . a characteristic that marked the entire Cleveland team in the heated drive for the pennant.

Boudreau just couldn't keep Doby off the team.

The addition of Satchel Paige to the squad seemed to have eased a lot of tension off the youngster, who seemed to be continuously conscious of the fact that he was the lone Negro on the team. Satch's presence took the spotlight off of him. And Larry showed his appreciation by hitting behind the veteran hurler. In Philadelphia the night Satch turned in his first victory while hurling in relief against the A's, Doby hit a home run that clinched the victory. Against Chicago in Cleveland where Paige hurled the memorable 1-0 three-hit victory before an all-time record crowd for night games, Larry hit a double and scored the lone run of the game.

His batting average began to pick up from a mediocre .264 at the end of July to a sound .301 at the close of the season. It was his bat as much as any other factor in the balanced team play of the Indians that was responsible for that burning stretch drive that enabled them to nose out Boston and New York. His hits came where they counted. He went into the World Series to lead his team in batting and perform like a seasoned veteran in the outfield before the largest crowds in series history. There was no more choking up. He was a big leaguer, starring in the most important games in the national pastime.

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SATCH, VEECK GAMBLE

With Satchel Paige it was a different story. Doby was green and unproven. Even in the Negro leagues he was a comparative rookie having played less than three full seasons with the Newark Eagles.

The question that had to be answered when Bill Veeck signed Paige was . . . Has Paige retained just a bit of his pitching mastery? Veeck believed he had. Satchel, with all his self-confidence, wasn't quite sure he had enough left to stop the big leaguers. Paige admits that he had practically quit baseball when he received word that Veeck wanted to see him. He was in Cleveland four days before he made up his mind.

So out of his magician's hat of many tricks, Veeck pulled out Ol' Satchel. Abe Saperstein, master promoter of the sand lots who had joined Veeck's staff as scout for Negro talent, put the germ of the idea in Veeck's mind. Veeck saw the possibilities and immediately went to work.

"It's a gamble for us both, Satch," Veeck said. "If you fail, we'll both be laughed out of the game. If you make the grade we both can write our own tickets. The stakes are high, but I'm willing to gamble that you'll produce."

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Satch did produce. He won six games and lost one and gave Boudreau an opportunity to reassemble a faltering pitching staff. He ended the season with the lowest earned run record on the squad. But add to this the fact that he attracted some of the largest crowds ever to attend a baseball game including the largest night crowd on record and you realize that the gamble did pay off.

When Satch faltered in two starts, once against Boston and a second time against St. Louis (he was not credited with the loss of either game), he was relegated to bull pen duty by Manager Lou Boudreau. But he had done his job.

Doby Bats .318 As Indians Win

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BOSTON—The Cleveland Indians are the new baseball hampions of the world today and a gent by the name of arry Doby is the toast of the Cleveland ball club tonight. he brilliant, Patterson, N. J. center-fielder got two hits four official trips to the plate this afternoon as the Inans staved off repeated Boston rallies to come out on the ng end of a thrilling 4-3 ball game.

Doby's final World Series batting mark was a sensational .318, enteen more points than his regular season's total of .301.

Playing in his first World Series contest, Doby had quite a few ts that made him stand out like a sore thumb on the star-studded veland roster. He had the honor of getting the first extra base of the series, a double in the second game; the first homer of Series, a terrific 425-foot blast in the fourth game which enabled eland to win a tight 2-1 pitching duel and he also became the man in the Series to get two hits.

Larry also had the honor of being tied with Bob Elliott and Earl eson both of the Braves in garnering seven hits, the most any r was able to get in one of the greatest pitching series of all s.

oby and his teammate, Satchel Paige, now become the first of their race having played on a world championship ball club. Last year, Jackie Robinson became the first Negro to play in a World Series game, but his team, the Brooklyn Dodgers, lost a seven-game Series to the New York Yankees.

Larry Doby Wins Regular Berth With Cleveland

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Sat. 7-3-48

By AL DUNMORE

CLEVELAND—In case you are concerned about the future of Larry Doby, the Cleveland Indians' youthful outfielder and lone Negro in the American League, then put it out of your mind. Doby is in. This week Larry definitely earned his place in the Indians' lineup and has convinced even his severest critic that he can play big league baseball. Lou Boudreau, manager of the team, long noted for his on-the-spot decisions, announced this week that Larry will remain in the lineup.

The Indians, fighting valiantly for their command of first place, have realized that they need both the power and the speed that Doby commands. This week Doby gave every indication that he has settled down and is now ready to play the sort of ball expected of him.

BATTING UP

Among other things his batting form has improved tremendously and is now swinging freer and easier and not attempting to knock the horsehide off the ball . . . as a result, his rather anemic batting average has spurted up from under the dangerous .250 mark to a sound .285 as of Saturday.

Although he has smashed out several extra base hits, his most important hit was a single against the Athletics last week that drove in the winning run that enabled the Indians to stem the threat of the onrushing Yanks. When Doby went to bat, the score had been tied 2-all and there were two men on bases. Larry hit a single his previous time at bat . . . a neat, free swinging bingle that went into center field. Lou Boudreau, who follows Larry at bat, called him aside as he started to bat and told him . . . "Look, Larry, we are going to win this game anyway so don't be too concerned. Just go in there and meet the ball like you did the last time and everything will be all right."

Larry met the ball and the winning run came home.

ARM IMPORTANT

Doby has also been doing quite well in the centerfield. He still shows the need of much smoothing out of his judgment of ball and general all-round savvy of how to play in the outer garden, but he has shown tremendous speed . . . and has improved greatly over his early season bungling period.

In week-end games, Doby showed that he still has terrific power by ramming out two triples, one to centerfield on the line at 400 feet. He still hasn't quite developed the proper timing in his base-stealing, but now has one stolen base to his credit.

Replacing the convalescing Thurman Tucker in centerfield, it is the opinion of many that if Doby continues to hit and field as he has and that if Tucker does return to the lineup and continues to play as he has, someone else will have to move over for Doby.

An interesting situation to watch the terrific slump both on the field and at bat of Eddie Robinson, big first baseman, now rated the one weak spot in the "greatest infield in major league baseball." Walter Judnich, the reserve centerfielder, who was benched by Doby, and Johnny Beradino, utility infielder, are being considered as replacements if Eddie doesn't "find" himself real soon.

Significant to press box observers, however, is that Doby has been taking a few practices at first base. This was the first place he was given a try at last year. With eight outfielders, four others (excluding Doby) have been doing fairly well at bat, would it be smart to place Doby at first to bulwark the batting order so that the hard-hitting Mitchell and Edwards can [illegible] in the lineup when Tucker, who is the best defensive outfielder, and also very effective at bat and on the bases, returns to the lineup?

Although all this is in the realm of conjecture . . . it might also be pointed out that Doby has displayed the best throwing arm in the outfield and has discouraged many opposite players from attempting to stretch a base or move on a fly to him. This factor may play an important role in the disposition of Doby.

But regardless . . . with the Indians still top men on the American League totem pole . . . Larry Doby has become an integral part in their machinery and as long as he continues to play ball like he has been, you can expect to see him somewhere in the lineup.

He's making the best of it. Why don't we?

PURSUIT OF DEMOCRACY

The Courier

By MARJORIE McKENZIE

Doby-Gromek Picture Treated Eyes to Sight Of Equality in Action

(The views expressed in this column are those of the writer and do not necessarily express the editorial opinion of The Pittsburgh Courier—The Editors.)

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Pittsburgh, Pa

M. McKenzie

THE picture of Larry Doby and Steve Gromek, grinning and hugging each other after the Cleveland Indians had won the fourth game of the World Series, is the best race relations plug the general public has been treated to since the war.

The Nation's press, captivated by the sheer delight in the players' expressions and the ease with which the picture told its weighted story, printed it millions of unforgettable times.

As every editor would immediately know, the magic of this one picture is capable of washing away, with equal skill, long pent-up hatred in the hearts of men and the beginnings of confusion in the minds of small boys.

Back of this picture are decades of prejudice, agitation and in the end, grudging experimentation.

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THE FACT OF Negro big league players was established before Doby became a World Series star, but spectacular performance has become the expectation and the confirmation of a continuing participation by Negroes in any newly opened opportunity.

So it is that Doby himself and all of us whom he represents, willingly or unwillingly, can relax, can feel that another hurdle has been leaped.

The chief message of the Doby-Gromek picture is acceptance. It is clear that the acceptance is not of the player, but of the man and that it is neither equivocal nor self-conscious. Indeed, it reveals in its warmth and genuineness how inadequate, how suspect a thing tolerance is.

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DURING THE WAR the OWI took some wonderful pictures of workers, intended as boosts to national unity and minority group morale. There was one effective poster consisting of nothing but two hand clasps, one between a Negro and a white woman, the other between two men, one Negro and one white.

Good though it was, it was about as subtle as a P-38. The better pictures were photographed in plants and usually showed a dark head and a light one, bent over a common task at bench or machine or production.

Since the war we have seen nothing much but some highly stylized posters on the street car and bus advertisement level. These are about as innocuous as interracial teas. And in the representation of fictional people, the posters are sad little confessions that perhaps real Americans are not to be found doing any of the things depicted.

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BUT THAT PICTURE of Gromek and Doby has unmistakable flesh and blood cheeks pressed close together, brawny arms clasped tightly, equally wide grins. The most untutored eye can carry to the mind, trained or not, to the emotions, snarled or not, the import of what men do feel for each other when they have a chance.

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In time, of course, the mind and the emotions accept what the eye is accustomed to seeing. With this certain knowledge, one can view with equanimity such reports as one read from Oklahoma last week where G. W. McLaurin was admitted, after a court fight, to the University of Oklahoma as a graduate student, but consigned to an anteroom just outside the classroom.

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WE CAN EXPECT that this straining with the exigencies of segregation will collapse just as the railing around a lone Negro student recently collapsed under white student ridicule in a sister State. Once there is a Negro student in a white classroom, or within hearing distance and eyesight, the people immediately involved begin to deal with realities, not concepts.

Acceptance would appear to be a goal that can be reached in one short step—mere association, whether in education or sports or jobs. This makes a frontal attack on segregation imperative.

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IT HAS LONG been recognized that Joe Louis has been a potent factor for good in American race relations. The presence of Negro heroes in big league baseball means even more because the game is of wider national interest than boxing.

We can talk equality, we can legislate equality, in spite of the gradualists' negativism on the subject, but we are most convincing when we can arrange for many people to see equality in action. That's why the Doby-Gromek picture is great.

Young Fielder Is Brilliant

Afro American

Sat 10-16-48

Single in Sixth Game Beats Boston

TOP STAR OF '48

Slams First Homer Over Center Field

By SAM LACY
AFRO Sports Editor

Baltimore, Md

BOSTON—The real story, I suppose, is that the Cleveland Indians are the world baseball champions.

But that is the old story by now, done up in reams of newsprint by thousands of sportswriting hands which have hardly missed a beat; a story that has been explored from every conceivable angle.

But the story behind the story is the one in which I'm interested and the one in which I hope to interest you. It is the story of the true brilliance of a 23-year-old colored youth, Lawrence Eugene Doby—Larry Doby to you and to me and to his teammates.

Cleveland took her four games by scores of 4-1, 2-0, 2-1 and 4-3, with Doby figuring in the deciding tallies in two of them, the 4-1 and 2-1 contests. It was his single in the fourth inning of the former that gave Bob Lemon and the Tribe the lead for the first time in the series on Thursday. And it was his home run in the third inning of Saturday's contest that enabled Steve Gromek to gain his 2-1 margin over the celebrated Johnny Sain.

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Best At Bat

Long before the two teams returned to Braves Feld here to wind up the series, it was an established fact that Doby would go down in the record books as one of the top stars of the 1948 classic.

Undoubtedly, he will be best remembered for his work at the bat for it was in that department that the winning club slumped dismally. The loud, ringing bats of Lou Boudreau, Ken Keltner, Joe Gordon and Dale Mitchell were effectively silenced by the flinging of the Boston pitchers. But not so, Doby.

The former Negro National League star, in addition to belting the ball at a .318 clip to lead his mates in the averages, checked in with the first extra-base hit of the series, a double in the second inning of the second game, off the baffling curves of southpaw Warren Spahn.

He also slammed the first homerun of the playoff, a prodigious clout over the barrier in right center field at Municipal Stadium, Cleveland, in the fourth game.

Margin of Victory

These two blows were largely responsible for two of the Tribe's three straight victories. As a matter of fact, the circuit clout in Cleveland was the deciding factor in Steve Gromek's 2-1 triumph over Johnny Sain in that fourth tilt.

It is perhaps significant that it was in the fifth game, the one which the Indians lost after knotting the count, that Doby went hitless for the first time in the series. This gave rise to the suggestion in the press-box that the old adage: "As Boudreau goes, the Indians go," to "As Doby goes, so goes the Tribe."

The stellar Paterson (N.J.) athlete had one error charged to him in the field. That was in the fatal fifth contest. But it was one of those bad features that pertain to basketball scoring.

Doby fielded a single to center by Marv Rickert in the wild seventh frame and pegged to Keltner in an effort to head off Bob Elliott around from first to third. The throw was perfect, taking the hop at just the right place and with just the right speed. Elliott, however, blinded Keltner momentarily and the ball shot betwen the Tribe third baseman's head and upraised arm.

Blame Outfielder

Scoring rules require that someone must be charged with an error on plays on which runners advance because of misplays in the field. In such cases, it is the outfielder who must shoulder the blame.

Fly Ball Hits Doby on Head, A's Win, 4-3

Wash Post

Thur 7-29-48

Cleveland, July 28 (AP).—Centerfield Lary Doby of the Cleveland Indians got his head in the way of a fly ball today, aiding the Philadelphia Athletics in a 4-3 victory.

Wash. D.C.

With the A's trailing by 3-2 and two men out in the eighth inning, Don White's fly to center bounced off Doby's head for an error which allowed Barney McCosky and Ray Coleman to score.

These two unearned runs enabled the Athletics to beat Bob Lemon, gain an even break in their two-game series with the Indians and regain second place from the Tribe.

Wash Post

The Tribe pounded tall Dick Fowler's right-hand offerings for 10 safeties, including Allie Clark's fourth homer of the season, which came after Lemon doubled in the third.

Thur 7-29-48

Phil'phia.	AB	H	O	A	Cleveland.	AB	H	O	A
Joost,ss	3	1	2	3	Doby,cf	4	1	5	0
McCosky,lf	4	1	3	0	Clark,rf	3	1	1	0
R.C'man,rf	3	0	3	0	Kennedy,rf	0	0	0	0
York,1b	3	0	9	0	Mitchell,lf	4	1	4	0
White,3b	4	0	1	2	Boudreau,ss	4	0	3	2
Chapman,cf	4	2	5	0	Gordon,2b	4	3	2	2
Suder,2b	4	1	3	6	Keltner,3b	3	0	0	1
Rosar,c	4	1	1	1	Robinson,1b	4	1	7	0
Fowler,p	4	0	0	3	Hegan,c	3	1	5	0
					aEdwards	1	0	0	0
Totals	33	6	27	15	Lemon,p	3	1	0	1
					Ch'topher,p	0	0	0	0
					bPeck	1	1	0	0
					Totals	34	10	27	6

Wash. D.C.

aPopped for Hegan in ninth.
bSingled for Christopher in ninth.

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Runs—McCosky, R. Coleman, Chapman, Suder, Clark, Gordon, Lemon. Errors—Joost, Doby. Runs batted in—Clark (2), Rosar, McCosky. Two-base hits—Doby, Lemon. Home run—Clark. Sacrifices — Clark, Keltner. Double plays—Gordon to Robinson to Suder; Joost to York. Left on bases—Philadelphia, 5; Cleveland, 7. Base on balls—Fowler, 1; Lemon, 3. Strikeouts—Fowler, 1; Lemon, 3. Hits—Lemon, 6 in 7⅓; Christopher, 0 in 1⅔. Losing pitcher—Lemon. Umpires—Summers, Jones and Stevens. Time—2:05. Attendance—23,843.

Larry Doby Connects As Pinch-Hitter

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Light house & Informer

Columbia S.C.

BOSTON—(NNPA)—Larry Doby, Cleveland Indians' outfielder, who has seen most of the Indians' games from the Cleveland dugout since the club obtained Bob Kennedy from the White Sox, doubled off the Wall in the left center field in the seventh inning against the Boston Red Sox last Thursday. Sun. 6-20-48

Joe Dobson was pitching the Red Sox to a 15-7 victory at the time Doby got his hit.

Sun. 6-20-48

Larry was sent in to bat for Steve Gromek, one of five pitchers, including Bob Feller, whom the Indians used in the game. He took third as Dale Mitchell flied deep to Don DiMaggio in Center field and scored as Hank Edwards was thrown out by Bobby Doerr, Moston's Second baseman.

Doby has a slightly higher batting average than both Kennedy and Edwards, whom Manager Lou Boudreau alternate in right field last week. He is batting .254 to Edwards' .250 and Kennedy's .234. Doby's batting average through last Thursday was as follows:

AB	R	H	2B
118	25	30	3

3B	HR	RBI.	PCT.
2	6	19	.254

Indians Shifted Doby on Tip From Mackey

The Afro-Am.

Baltimore, Md

BOSTON—(ANP) — According to Roger Birtwell, sports writer with the Boston Globe, Larry Doby, Cleveland Indians' player, who two months ago was wondering how soon he'd be farmed out to the bushes, has become overnight the pace-setting slugger of a circuit-leading big-league outfield. Sat. 5-22-48

Birtwell's story stated that Doby had, as of last week:

1. Batted in more runs than all the other members of the Cleveland outfield put together, including substitutes and pinch-hitters.
2. Cleared two of the most distant barriers in the majors, the center field fences at Griffith Stadium and Fenway Park, with home runs on consecutive days. His Washington homer was the longest center field drive that has been hit there since one 26 years ago by Babe Ruth.

Former catcher-manager of the Newark Eagles, Bizz Mackey, is credited with advising the Indians to switch Doby from an infielder to an outfielder. Mackey is supposed to have said, "Doby's been an infielder so far, but in the big league, I think the outfield is his best chance."

Larry Doby Wins Regular Berth With Cleveland

The Courier — Sat 7-3-48

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Pittsburgh Pa.

By AL DUNMORE

CLEVELAND—In case you are concerned about the future of Larry Doby, the Cleveland Indians' youthful outfielder and lone Negro in the American League, then put it out of your mind. Doby is in. This week Larry definitely earned his place in the Indians' lineup and has convinced even his severest critic that he can play big league baseball. Lou Boudreau, manager of the team, long noted for his on-the-spot decisions, announced this week that Larry will remain in the lineup.

The Indians, fighting valiantly for their command of first place, have realized that they need both the power and the speed that Doby commands. This week Doby gave every indication that he has settled down and is now ready to play the sort of ball expected of him.

BATTING UP

Among other things his batting form has improved tremendously and is now swinging freer and easier and not attempting to knock the horsehide off the ball . . . as a result, his rather anemic batting average has spurted up from under the dangerous .250 mark to a sound .285 as of Saturday.

Although he has smashed out several extra base hits, his most important hit was a single against the Athletics last week that drove in the winning run that enabled the Indians to stem the threat of the onrushing Yanks. When Doby went to bat, the score had been tied 3-all and there were two men on bases. Larry hit a single his previous time at bat . . . a neat, free swinging bingle that went into center field. Lou Boudreau, who follows Larry at bat, called him aside as he started to bat and told him . . . "Look, Larry, we are going to win this game anyway so don't be too concerned. Just go in there and meet the ball like you did the last time and everything will be all right."

Larry met the ball and the winning run came home.

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ARM IMPORTANT

Doby has also been doing quite well in the centerfield. He still shows the need of much smoothing out of his judgment of ball and general all-round savvy of how to play in the outer garden but he has shown tremendous speed . . . and has improved greatly over his early season bungling period.

In week-end games, Doby showed that he still has terrific power by ramming out two triples, one to centerfield on the line at 400 feet. He still hasn't quite developed the proper timing in his base-stealing, but now has one stolen base to his credit.

Replacing the convalescing Thurman Tucker in centerfield, it is the opinion of many that if Doby continues to hit and field as he has and that if Tucker does return to the lineup and continues to play as he has, someone else will have to move over for Doby.

An interesting situation to watch is the terrific slump both on the field and at bat of Eddie Robinson, big first baseman, now rated the one weak spot in the "greatest infield in major league baseball." Walter Judnich, the reserve centerfielder, who was benched by Doby, and Johnny Beradino, utility infielder, are being considered as replacements if Eddie doesn't "find" himself real soon.

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Significant to press box observers, however, is that Doby has been taking a few practices at first base. This was the first place he was given a try at last year. With eight outfielders, four others (excluding Doby) have been doing fairly well at bat, would it be smart to place Doby at first to bulwark the batting order so that the hard-hitting Mitchell and Edwards can stay in the lineup when Tucker, who is the best defensive outfielder, and also very effective at bat and on the bases, returns to the lineup?

Although all this is in the realm of conjecture . . . it might also be pointed out that Doby has displayed the best throwing arm in the outfield and has discouraged many opposite players from attempting to stretch a base or move on a fly to him. This factor may play an important role in the disposition of Doby.

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But regardless . . . with the Indians still top men on the American League totem pole . . . Larry Doby has become an integral part in their machinery and as long as he continues to play ball like he has been, you can expect to see him somewhere in the lineup.

He's making the best of it. Why don't we?

Orioles Say Club

Didn't Bar Doby

Baltimore, Md.

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BALTIMORE

Larry Doby, former Newark lar as an outfielder for the league leading Cleveland Indians of the American League, but three weeks ago Doby might have been in the International League.

As the story goes, President Bill Veeck of the Indians was anxious to farm Doby out for more experience, and offered him to the Baltimore Orioles who have a working agreement with the Cleveland club. The Orioles are reported to have refused to accept him, apparently because he is not white.

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Oriole officials, however, deny that Doby was ever scheduled to come to Baltimore. Alphonse Thomas, vice president and general manager of the Orioles, declared "There is no truth to the story. We've heard frequent reports about Doby coming here before, but you can take my word for it. . .there is no truth to it. Doby never was offered to the Orioles."

Virginia Union Claims Doby As Its Contribution

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St. Argus

By "THE SCOREKEEPER"

RICHMOND, Va. — (ANP)— One of the landmarks of the capital city of the Old Dominion, Virginia Union university, has claimed Larry Doby, Cleveland Indians outfield star, as the school's very own.

Fri 4-9-48

St Louis Mo.

At this historic old Baptist college which has the "granddady of Negro coaches" still active, Coach Henry Hucles, and much age old tradition, a certain room in the freshman house on the campus has a sign, "Larry Doby slept here."

It seems that Doby skipped Long Island university after the Christmas holidays in 1941 after a tryout for Clair Bee's basketball stars. Five weeks before the spring semester started, he lived "unofficially" with a freshman ace of Union's '42 "umpin' jive five" cake squad.

In February, one of the first students to register was the same Larry Doby who became a member of the school's greatest basketball team in its history. In the team's must game against its traditional enemies, Virginia State, Doby scored 15 points.

By May, however, Uncle Sam had called, and Doby was sent to Great Lakes Training center where he played on the base team. Here he played along with Marion Motley, famous Cleveland Browns fullback.

These days, Union's students and ex-students alike are shouting, "Larry Doby slept here."

Heavy Heart

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Mrs. Doby

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Few people know that when Larry Doby took the field for the opening game of the 1948 season as regular outfielder of the Cleveland Indians, he had a heavy heart hanging in his body.

A few days before, his wife, Mrs. Helen (Curvy) Doby, had lost her second baby, the infant dying at birth.

Larry and Helen married August 10, 1946 the culmination of a high school romance, begun when both were attending East High School at Paterson, N.J.

The young wife is a native of Hilburn, N.Y. She now keeps home for herself and hubby here at 8293 Parmella Ave., Cleveland.

Larry Doby Continues Pace With Cleveland

Daily World

47a

Thur 5-20-48

CLEVELAND, — (NNPA)—Larry Doby, Indians', right fielder, turned in a good performance last Saturday in the game which the Indians won from the White Sox, 7 to 1.

After Truman Tucker, Indians' centerfielder, doubled to start the last half of the first inning, Doby singled, scoring Tucker. Lou Boundreau, Cleveland manager and short stop doubled, Doby pulling up at third. Ed Robinson, first baseman and Joe Gordon, second baseman, walked forcing Doby across the plate.

Atlanta Ga.

Bob Feller walked Floyd Baker, White Sox' second baseman at the start of the fourth, the first Chicagoan to reach base. Luke Appling, White Sox' third baseman, sent a fly about twenty feet outside the right field foul line. Doby raced over, made the catch and then doubled Baker off first.

At bat four times, he was credited with one hit, two runs one battsist.

Pat Seery was sent to right field in the first game of a doubleheader against the White Sox last Sunday which the two teams split, the Six winning the opener, 6-4 and the Indians taking the nightcap, 9-2. After Seery was removed in the ninth for a pinch hitter, Doby was sent to right field and made one put out. The Sox scored two runs in the tenth to win.

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In the nightcap, Doby played right field, went to bat three times, got one hit, scored one run, and made two putouts.

Doby Says Lou Boudreau's Patience Was Chief Factor in His '48 Success

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Baltimore

PATERSON, N.J. (ANP) — Manager Lou Boudreau's patience made Larry Doby a star last season with the Cleveland Indians, the young centerfielder said here in a recent interview.

"He never once made me feel I was on the spot. He treated me just the same as any other ball player, not as a freak, because I happened to be the first man of my race to play in the American League," Doby asserted.

"He was considerate. First he only had me playing against right-handed pitching. Then, as he saw me gain confidence, he let me start against lefthanded pitching.

"Everybody else on the club was the same, making me feel that, if I had plenty to learn, I had plenty of time in which to do it."

Misquoted, He Says

Comparing colored baseball to majors Doby noted that spring training and individual attention given players in the big leagues help a player improve, and in hitting big league pitching a batter faces top-notch hurling every day. He commented:

"First off, I would like to deny a statement I was supposed to have made to the effect that I 'faced pitching in the colored league just as good as in the majors.' I never said such a thing. It would be plain foolish to say so.

"In the colored league the average pitcher has a fast ball and a curve — no slider, no sinker, no screwball, as in the majors. If you play against one team five or six times you run into standout pitching once or twice. In the majors, you're facing first-class pitching in every game."

Pointing out that coaching makes a difference in a player, Doby said:

"Colored players are strictly on their own. They get by on their God-given ability to hit, throw and run. The clubs can't afford to carry coaches and there's little or no time, anyway, for teaching young players.

"The training the average young white player can get in the spring is a wonderful thing. I know it helped me tremendously. It got my body in shape and got me thinking baseball without the pressure of day-to-day league competition."

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His Mother Talks

Larry's mother, Mrs. Etta Doby, says that he took his baseball ability from his father. She tells this story:

"I can remember Larry as a tyke of five running out on the baseball field looking for his daddy. My husband, David, was as tall as Larry and quite a ball player. He played first base for teams around Camden, S.C. (where they used to live), and I really think Larry inherited ability from him."

Mrs. Doby took Larry to Paterson when he was 8 years old after his father died. There she worked so that Larry could go to school. She says:

"I never sent him out to work. I wanted him to grow up like any other boy whose father was living."

Had a Goal

After being discharged from the service Jan. 15, 1946, Doby returned to the Eagles.

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LARRY DOBY

"By this time," he said, "I had heard about Jackie Robinson going into the Brooklyn organization, and it certainly gave me a goal to shoot at."

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During midseason of that year he married one of his high school classmates, the former Helyn Curvy. She was one of his school's cheer leaders at football games.

If it had not been for a case of nervousness one day Larry may have been playing for the Dodgers and not the Indians. He explained:

"Brooklyn scouted me that year, but Mrs. Manley told me about it before the game. I got all tensed up and turned in a bad game that day."

The next year Bill Killefer of Cleveland scouted Doby, but Mrs. Manley did not tell him about it that time. It was after this that he was signed up to play with the Indians where he has remained ever since.

IT'S DOBY AGAIN

The Cleveland Guide

Yes, its Larry Doby again in the sports limelight. Remembering well, our editorial of a few weeks hence, we predicted that the showing Doby is making in the Cleveland Indians' spring training exhibition games, wherever he has appeared, was beginning to make sports authorities believe that if used in the Tribe's regular line-up in Centerfield where he has been playing, he will prove to be the greatest center-gardener Clevlanders have ever known. Cleveland, Ohio

Yes! We lauded Doby to the skies, and instead of feeling that we might have over-rate him we are compelled to feel that we rather under-rated him. For we told of his brilliant playafield; his batting prowess, his somersault shoe-string catch, an urged him on to emulate the gentlemanly qualities of Jackie Robinson, on the field and off. Sat.

At that time there hadn't been enough of Doby's mixing with big league players, for us to ascerain just how he would react under fire. But from Ed. McAuley, Cleveland News sports writer, we get the quotings coming out of a game witnessed last in Los Angeles, Cal.: 4-17-48

"Los Angeles, Cal. — Civilization's stumbling progress tokard true maturity passed at least a minor milestone at Wrigley Field here yesterday.

"A Negro baseball player spiked a white one—and exactly nothing happened.

"Before Branch Rickey broke the unofficial but effective barrier which until last season kept colored athletes out of the major leagues, the situation was the classic argument of the viewers-with alarm.
into second base and spiked a white shortstop? You'd have a riot in the ball park."

"So in the fourth inning of yesterday's game between the Indians and the Brokns, Larry Doby went flying as only he can fly toward second base. Sam Dente, the rookie shortstop, hastene to the sack to take the catcher's throw. Doby slid in and got up—safe. Dente's leg spurted blood.

"It was the sort of accident in which any two players might have been involved—and everyone in the park so regarded it. Gerry Priddy, the Brown's second baseman, stood beside Doby while both looked sympathetically at Dente's wound. Umpire Joe Paparella signaled the Browns bench that Dente was through. Eddie Pellagrini trotted out to replace him and the small crowd gave the departing gladiator the customary applause. 4-17-48

That's all there was to i

Daily Worker
New York

HIGH ON DOBY

"This kid Doby is gonna be a tremendous ballplayer" says Hank Greenberg, the new Vice President of the Cleveland Indians. Hank has been travelling with the club but will shortly doff the uniform and start being an executive assistant to prexy Bill Veeck.

Thurs. 5-13-48

last word, said, "We have three outfielders to cut by May 19th and I can't make a statement till then. Then I'll have to make my decision on who goes to the minors. We're going to use Doby against right-handed pitching every day till then. If he's htting consistently he'll stay. . . ."

There's a big change in the whole atmosphere on the Cleveland club this season. The newspapers have beaten the drums for them in past hopeful springs but this trip the players themselves actually feel they're as good as anything they've seen, including the Yanks and Red Sox.

Larry Doby Sparkles As Indians Boost Lead In American League

Daily World Atlanta, Ga.
Wed. 6-9-48

WASHINGTON, D. C.— (NNPA) —Against the left-handed pitching of Mickey Haefner, Lou Boudreau, the Cleveland Indians' manager, last Friday night kept Larry Doby on the bench and sent to right field Bob Kennedy, whom he had acquired from the White Sox in a trade for Pat Seerey and Al Gettel.

But after Kennedy was removed for a pinch-hitter in the fifteenth and final inning of the game, Doby was sent to right field in his place and made the final putout of the game, catching Ed Stewart's fly.

The game was a pitchers' battle between Bob Feller and Haefner, but neither one of them saw the finish. Both Feller and Haefner were taken out for pinch-hitters in the twelfth inning. The Indians scored five runs in the 15th to win, 5-0.

COLLECTS TWO HITS

Doby got two of the five hits the Indians netted against Ray Scarborough at Griffith Stadium last Wednesday night. Bob Lemon, Indians' pitcher, turned in a five-hitter, but the Washington Nationals won, 2-1.

With one down, the Indians got the tying and winning runs on 1st and second bases when Doby singled through the mound. Al Kozar, Washington second baseman, stopped the ball but was unable to make a play on Larry at first. Lou Boudreau walked, but Ken Keltner hit into a double play to end the game. 6-9-48

In the first inning, Doby flied out to left field after Dade Mitchell had singled. Doby singled to center in the third with two away but was out stealing. In the sixth he hit Kozar and was thrown out at first.

Doby got one hit in seven trips to the plate in the doubleheader which the Indians divided with the St. Louis Browns before a Memorial Day crowd of 48,961 at the stadium. 6-9-48

SCORES TWO RUNS

In the first game, which the Indians won, 8 to 3, Doby got his lone hit in three times at bat, scored two runs and made one put out, but in the nightcap Cliff Fannin, the St. Louis pitcher, held the Indians to four hits while shutting them out, and Doby went hitless in four times at bat.

In Cleveland half of the first inning of the opener, Ray Shore, a pitcher wild as he is fast, hit Doby but he was left stranded with the bases loaded when Ken Keltner hit into a double play. Doby fanned in the third. He singled off the glove of Gerr Priddy, the Browns second baseman, in the fifth, and went to second when Wally Judnich beat out a bunt down the 3rd base line. Lou Boudreau sacrificed both runnners along, Keltner was passed, filling the bases and Doby scored when Eddie Robinson forced Keltner at second.

In the sixth Doby walked but was left stranded. In the eighth he hit a pop fly which Priddy caught.

Doby fanned in the first inning of the second game. In the 4th he fouled out to Dente along the left field line. In the sixth he grounded to Stevens at first base. In the eighth he poled a 380-foot drive in right center which Lehner reached over the fence to pull down. 6-9-48

On the defensive in the third inning of the second game, Doby fielded Lehner's single to right and caught Lehner off first. He threw to Boudreau who tossed to Robinson who made the putout,

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CLEVELAND DOWNS WASHINGTON BY 5-0

The Times
New York N.Y.

Indians Blast Hudson for 3 Runs on Three Hits and One Error in First Inning

Sun.

12 SAFETIES FOR VICTORS

6-27-48

Doby's Triple, Two-Baggers by Edwards and Robinson Mark Attack on 3 Pitchers

CLEVELAND, June 26 (AP)—The league-leading Cleveland Indians bounced back into winning strides today as Bob Muncrief blanked the Washington Senators with three singles for a 5 to 0 triumph.

The victory, Muncrief's fifth against one loss, broke a three-game Tribe losing streak.

The former St. Louis Brownie displayed near perfect control, walking only one. He fanned seven.

Three Extra Base Hits

The Indians slammed three Washington pitchers for 12 hits, including a triple by Larry Doby and doubles by Hank Edwards and Eddie Robinson. 6-27-48

The Tribe sewed up the game in the opening inning when they got to starter Sid Hudson for three runs on three hits and an error. With two out, Manager Lou Boudreau singled and scored on Edwards' double. Joe Gordon walked and Ken Keltner popped a single, scoring Edwards. Gordon also came in when outfielder Earl Wooten threw wild to third.

Scored Once in Fourth

The Times

Cleveland added another tally in the fourth when Jim Hegan singled and stole second. Muncrief sacrificed and both runners were safe when Hudson's throw to third was too late to nip Hegan. Dale Mitchell then scored Hegan with a single. New York, N.Y.

The other Tribe run was produced in the fifth on Keltner's single and Robinson's double.

The box score: 6-27-48

WASHINGTON (A.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Yost, 3b	4	0	0	1	0	0
Coan, lf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Stewart, rf	3	0	1	3	0	0
Vernon, 1b	3	0	0	8	2	0
Wooten, cf	3	0	0	0	1	1
Kozar, 2b	2	0	0	2	4	0
Ch'stman,ss	3	0	1	4	5	0
Evans, c	3	0	0	5	2	0
Hudson, p	1	0	1	0	0	0
Welteroth,p	0	0	0	0	0	0
aG'lenwater	1	0	0	0	0	0
Harrist, p	0	0	0	1	1	0
bMcBride	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total	28	0	3	24	15	1

CLEVELAND (A.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Mitchell, lf	4	0	2	2	0	0
Doby, cf	5	0	3	4	0	0
Boudreau,ss	5	1	1	3	4	0
Edwards, rf	3	1	1	1	0	0
Gordon, 2b	3	1	0	1	3	0
Keltner, 3b	2	1	2	0	1	0
Robinson,1b	3	0	1	9	1	0
Hegan, c	4	1	1	7	1	0
Muncrief, p	3	0	1	0	0	0
Total	32	5	12	27	10	0

aGrounded out for Welteroth in sixth.
bFlied out for Harrist in ninth.

Washington ....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0
Cleveland ....3 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 ..—5

Runs batted in—Edwards, Keltner, Mitchell, Robinson.

Two-base hits—Edwards, Robinson. Three-base hit—Doby. Stolen base—Hegan. Sacrifice—Muncrief. Double plays—Christman, Kozar and Vernon; Christman, Evans and Vernon; Gordon, Robinson and Boudreau; Boudreau and Robinson. Left on bases—Washington 2, Cleveland 11. Bases on balls—Off Hudson 3, Welteroth 2, Harrist 1, Muncrief 1. Struck out—By Hudson 2, Welteroth 1, Harrist 1, Muncrief 7. Hits—Off Hudson 7 in 3 innings (none out in fourth), Welteroth 3 in 2, Harrist 2 in 3. Hit by pitcher—By Hudson (Edwards). Losing pitcher—Hudson. Umpires—Passarella, Rommel and Boyer. Time of game—1:51. Attendance—7,182

Indians Have 'That Feeling' This Year

By Lester Rodney

The Cleveland Indians — before last night's game — were far from discouraged by the 4-1 defeat hung on them by the Yankees in the series opener. "Win five. lose one." quipped Joe Gordon in the Hotel Roosevelt lobby, "That'll do it."

Manager Lou Boudreau, the serious looking young man who doubles at being the best shortstop in the business, was still inclined to rate the Boston Red Sox as an equal threat with the Yankees.

"We've been once around now and it's surely the Yanks and Red Sox for us to worry about," he said pointedly ignoring the early boom of the A's, who have pitchers but aren't regarded too seriously around the circuit, "The Red Sox haven't really begun to hit yet as they can, but watch out when they do . . . and they will."

As for his own club, Lou said he'd be happy to see a third pitcher develop consistent winning form to go along with Bob Feller and Bob Lemon, but was far from pessimistic about the possibilities inherent in Muncrief, reprieved Brownie who flashed two fine relief innings Tuesday, Gene Bearden, the left-handed rookie hope, Don Black, last year's no hit hurler, and Alan Gettel, despite the bumping the last two have encountered to date. He was very high on Russ Christopher, relief hurler who came from the A's because he couldn't get on with Connie Mack.

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LARRY DOBY, the American League's sole Negro player, checked in from his Paterson home, where he had spent the night with his family. His first child is due in August. The tall 23-year-old athlete has had uneven going so far. He's clouted five home runs and spanked in a goodly number of runs, but has also fanned eighteen times. He's made some spectacular catches and throws, but has also committed more than the normal amount of errors for an outfielder. Overall, however, has been his unmistakable potential as a big league star, his prodigious power at bat, speed afoot and cannon arm.

"Got to get over the habit of swinging at bad balls," he admitted readily and ruefully, "But I think I will.. I've learned a lot this spring. Why I was playing for years and hardly knew anything about the game. In the Negro Leagues there are a few signs like hit, run or bunt, but that's all. Up here it's altogether different."

Doby has had to learn a lot in a hurry. The jump from semi-organized Negro ball to the major leagues is a prodigious one. Once in twenty years does a ballplayer make good without solid minor league schooling. Jackie Robinson, for example, thinks he couldn't have done it without the year with Montreal as a prerequisite. Yet so startling is Doby's natural ability that he has them hesitating and may still go over the hump as a regular. He's much younger than Robinson, has long range power and throwing ability that Jackie never possessed and is almost as fast.

"Bill McKechnie (the veteran Cleveland coach formerly a National League manager) helped me a lot this spring by getting me to loosen up at the plate," Larry volunteered, "I respect his judgment greatly and he told me I could make it."

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THE GRIZZLED MCKECHNIE, caught for a brief moment, had this to say, "Doby is a fine ballplayer whether he makes it this year or not. I don't know if he will. Right now he's too eager and swinging at bad balls. It's a sign of pressure but I'm sure he'll relax into a great player some day."

Feller 2-Hits Browns Before Record 73,163

Daily Worker
New York

CLEVELAND, April 20 (UP). — Before the largest opening day crowd in major league history, 73,163, the Cleveland Indians defeated the St. Louis Browns today behind the two-hit pitching of Bob Feller, 4 to 0. Wed.

The crowd broke the old record of 55,014, which was established in Cleveland's Municipal Stadium last year by the Indians and White Sox.

Feller was in mid-season form as he racked up his first victory. He was hit on the pitching hand in the seventh inning by a pitch from Bryan Stephens, but finished the game without trouble. 4-21-48

The Indians belted four St. Louis pitchers for 11 hits, the most productive being Jim Hegan's home run in the fourth with Eddie Robinson on base. Fred Stanford started for the Browns and was followed by Sam Zoldak, Stephens and Clem Dreisewerd.

Whitey Platt and Bob Dillinger obtained the only hits, off Feller who struck out three men. He walked two.

The game also marked the debut of Larry Doby, only Negro player in the American League, as an outfielder. He went hitless but received an ovation from the record crowd. Daily Worker

Allie Clark and Thurman Tucker, new Indians, made auspicious debuts. Tucker got one hit and stole two bases, while Clark got two safe blows. 4-21-48

Larry Gives Exclusive Story to The Courier

The Courier

Sat 10-9-48

Pittsburgh Pa.

By LARRY DOBY
(Indians' Centerfielder)

(Written exclusively for The Pittsburgh Courier . . . Reproductions strictly forbidden.)

BOSTON — Like every one of the other members of the Cleveland Indians I've got to admit that I believed even from the first day in training camp that we had a chance to win the American League pennant and although at times things got rough, we kept on plugging and now here we are . . . by the skin of our teeth, maybe . . . but we made it. Sat 10-9-48

Monday afternoon when we defeated the Boston Reds, 8 to 3, I saw one of my dreams come true. Winning that game meant that I would get a nice slice of the World Series money. And, when I get that money I am going to buy a home.

Naturally its hard to point to any one who is most responsible for our being up here, but a lot of credit must go to Manager Lou Boudreau who kept us driving and produced when it counted most . . . and President Bill Veeck who kept faith with us and made us want to do the best we had in us, because he made us feel like he really appreciated what we were doing for him. Sat 10-9-48

As for myself, I was determined, even before I reported to camp last spring to make the grade. At times I sort of worried, but I kept plugging. Tried to learn everything I could from watching my teammates and some of the good fellows on the other team and listening to those men who were assigned to teach me things like Tris Speaker, Bill McKechnie, Muddy Ruel, Boudreau and Hank Greenberg.

It was good, too, playing with a bunch of fellows who appreciated the spot I was in and tried all they could do to make me feel like I was one of them.

I guess I had some tough days out there . . . and I seemed to always run into some accident just when I was getting hot . . . like when I sprained my ankle just as I was going great in center field.

And then there was the time I sprained my thumb when I was in the midst of a hitting streak. It felt good though when I got back in there and found out I still had my eye. Best feeling I had was when I was hit on the arm in Detroit last week by Newhouser, and the doctor found out it was just a bruise and I was able to shake it off. Sat 10-9-48

There are a lot of highlights . . . and low spots . . . in the season I'd like to talk about . . . but right now we're heading into the series and I've got to keep my mind on that. I feel that we can beat the Braves, although they tell me they've got some good pitching, but I feel that our boys can handle it, if they've beat the men they have.

Of course, next week I'll know a lot better about what we're facing . . . but I'm pretty confident that if we've gotten this far when everybody thought we were beaten . . . we'll go all the way.

I must thank the fans who have been so great to me around the circuit and promise them that I'll do my best whenever I'm in there.

Larry Doby Boosts Cash Customers; Dodgers In Slump

The Black Dispatch

Oklahoma City

NEW YORK. — (ANP) — The new box office magnet here is Larry Doby, outfielder playing regular with the Cleveland Indians. In the first night game scheduled for last Wednesday, there were no reserve seat tickets available several days before the game. Harlemites were frantically seeking tickets to see the new and underpublicized idol perform. Doby's prodigious feats with his bat are attracting attention.

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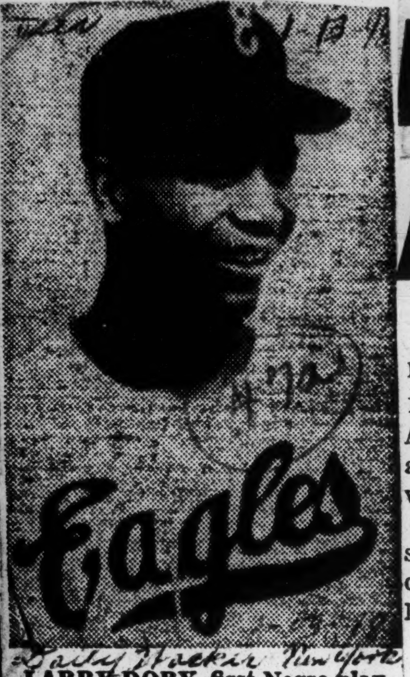
Meanwhile, admirers of the Brooklyn teams are wondering how long the present manager will "gamble" and take chances, rather than try to weld a team together. Morale on the Dodgers team is at an all time low and the reason behind it is the uncertainty regarding players' status.

Second guessers and grand stand managers are condemning the manager who inherited a championship team strengthened by trades and sales and changes until it was supposed to be 100 percent stronger than the previous outfit. The manager's penchant for playing hunches, percentages and everything but straight solid baseball is not winning the support of the former loyal fans. Sat 5-22-48



Daily Worker New York 1-13-48

LARRY DOBY, first Negro player in the American League, has signed his 1948 contract with the Cleveland Indians at an increase over the $5000 minimum. Tues. 1-13-

Doby Wins Starting Berth With Indians

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By Associated Press

CLEVELAND

Larry Doby, first Negro ball player in the history of the American League, today will also become the first Negro to open the season in the history of the league. New York, N.Y.

Larry's solid hitting during the training season has convinced Manager Lou Boudreau of the Cleveland Indians that he should start the Newark boy in right field against the St. Louis Browns. 4-20-48

Doby batted .354 during the Spring season, second only to Boudreau's .375. Tues.

Doby, who came up late last season as an outfielder, proved himself one of the three best outfielders of eight battling for three starting jobs, Boudreau said.

Doby Sticks With Tribe as Majors Cut to 25-Man Limit

Daily Worker

New York, N.Y. Fri. 5-21-48

The major league roster deadline had come and gone and by 12:01 yesterday morning all of the clubs completed the transactions to pare the squads down to the 25-man limit. As you know, most of the players sent down are subject to 24-hour recall.

And now, let's take a quick looksee around both circuits and observe who went where:

Inasmuch the bulk of the scissoring was done in the senior circuit which dropped 26 men in all, let's lead off with that loop.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BROOKLYN — Fleet outfielder Marv Rackely was the last lopped off by the Brooks, being optioned to Montreal. As is the case with catcher Roy Campanella who was sent to St. Paul in the A.A., most Dodger observers are wont to view the farmings of Rackley and Campy as mistakes, with neither man truly tested by the parent team. Infielder Bob Ramazzotti also went St. Paul way with Campanella, while pitchers Paul Minner, John Van Cuyk and slugging outfielder Duke Snider preceded Reckley to the Royals. Dwain Sloat went to Fort Worth and other pitchers John Hall and knuckleballer Will Ramsdell were optioned to Mobile.

St. Louis—Pitcher Ken Johnson to Rochester, chucker Clarence Beers to Columbus and backstop Johnny Bucha to the Houston farm. Daily Worker

Boston — Optioned pitcher Ed Wright and catcher Frank Kerr to Milwaukee, first baseman Ray Sanders **(remember him, Dodger fans?)** to Buffalo, and pitcher Ed Post to Hartford.

Chicago — Veteran pitcher Paul Erickson sold to the Phils ditto infielder Lennie Merullo sold to Los Angeles, Decataur bought Lloyd Lowe's contract, and infielder Don Jackson optioned to Des Moines.

NEW YORK—Infielder Buddy Blattner optioned to Jersey City, and pitcher Jack Hallet sent to Indianapolis.

Philadelphia — All deals made with Toronto. Hurler Oscar Judd sold to them, with pitcher Al Porto and catcher Al Lakeman optioned along. New York, N.Y.

Cincinnati—Walker Cress, pitcher, optioned to Syracuse.

And that wound up the National League transactions of the last three days. Fri. 5-21-48

AMERICAN LEAGUE

CLEVELAND — Lou Boudreau was hard pressed to bring his club down to the 25-limit, but the big news here is that young Larry Doby is sticking with the Tribe. With Cleveland in the race to stay, Boudreau evidently decided on going with Doby's great power in the hopes that the potentially brilliant Negro outfielder will work off some of the inexperience under pressure. Pitcher Lyman Linde optioned to Baltimore, ex - Yankee hurler Charley Wensloff put on the inactive list.

Detroit—Rufe Gentry will henceforth do all his pitching for Buffalo who bought his contract. Gardener Ed Mierkowicz likewise sold to Seattle, old Doc Cramer removed from active list to coach after a long and workmanlike career, catcher Joe Erautt optioned destination still unannounced.

NEW YORK—Sore-armer Bill Bevens on disabled list, and that brought the Yanks down to the player limit. Daily Worker

St. Louis—Pitcher Jim Wilson released. New York, N.Y.

Washington—Optioned backstop Okrie to Charlotte. 5-21-48

Chicago—Outfielder Gerald Scala optioned to Memphis.

And that did the trick in the junior loop. Fri. 5-21-48

Keltner's Homers Aid Indian Win

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Detroit, April 23 (AP)—Led by the veteran Ken Keltner, who pasted two homers and drove in four runs, the Cleveland Indians belted the Detroit Tigers 8-2 today with a 15-hit attack good for 31 bases. The victory put Cleveland in first place in the American League. Sat.

Righthander Bob Lemon, pitching the Indians to their second victory in as many starts, scattered six Detroit hits while the Tribe was making hay at the expense of Freddie Hutchinson and two successors, humiliating the Tigers before 45,233 fans in their home opener. 4-24-48

Larry Doby, fleet Negro outfielder, got three of the Cleveland hits, including his first major league home run. Lemon aided his own cause by bouncing a two-run homer off the railing atop the right field screen and Manager Lou Boudreau collected three hits, including a double.

Doby Follows Up Slips With Hits

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In the first inning of Cleveland's 1948 opener, Larry Doby had a nightmare moment. Under the eyes of 73,163 fans, he dropped an easy fly ball. The temptation to crawl under the nearest blade of grass must have been very strong, but Larry scrambled after the ball and got the runner at second with a nice peg.

Larry has made numerous mistakes since that time, but after most of them he has managed to come back, as he did that first day, with something to show he isn't licked.

Pressure was too much for Doby last year. He broke in late in the season with no preparation and made his first appearance as a pinch-hitter. Thus, the American League's first Negro player was under considerably more of a handicap than Brooklyn's Jackie Robinson, who had been prepped with a year at Montreal. Larry finished 1947 with a batting average of .156 for 32 appearances.

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Comes Back After Bad Days

This Spring the general opinion at Cleveland's Tucson camp was that Larry would be farmed out to Toronto to learn the trade of outfielder. Coach Bill McKechnie was the one who suggested that Larry, normally a second baseman, would be better in the outfield. Thurs

No one thought that a 23-year-old rookie of limited experience could pick up enough at a Spring camp to hang on with a big league club in a brand-new job, particularly when he exhibited faults at bat as well as afield. 5-13-48

As a hitter he showed a tendency to overstride and take his eye off the ball. He still does this, but he is improving very rapidly and it looks now as if he's going to stick with the club. If he keeps improving at the same rate he's going to be quite a ball player, for he has speed, power and a remarkable arm.

The best thing about him, however, is not his natural ability but the way in which he has come back after every disastrous day.

Five Home Runs In 13 Games

PM New York, N.Y.

Hitless in the opener, he got five hits in his next two games. Then came the unhappy day when he struck out five times against three Detroit pitchers. It was the kind of day which would make anyone choke up his bat and try to break the spell with a poke hit. Larry was back swinging the next day with three more hits, one of them his first big league home run. 5-13-48

Among the eighteen hits he made in his first 13 games, five were homers. Of these five, two were to right, one to left, and two to center. One of his blows to center was a colossal 450-foot drive which bounced off the public address horns in Washington's bleachers. He has two doubles and a triple as well. On the bad side are 18 strikeouts, but there will be less of these as he goes along.

In the outfield he made five errors in three days, then after the last one started a double play with a good throw. The errors came as the result of overeagerness in charging ground balls. PM

McKechnie has high hopes for his pupil. "He's got a lot of power," says Bill. "Naturally he has trouble in the outfield because of inexperience. He has to wait longer than veteran players before he can judge where a ball is going, but he's got wonderful speed and gets a lot of them, late start and all." New York, N.Y.

At the moment, Doby is Cleveland's regular right fielder against right-handed pitching, giving way on southpaw days to Allie Clark. The Indians have eight outfielders and a trip to the minors is still a possibility for Doby. Lou Boudreau, who has until the 19th in which to cut three men, won't say that Larry is set for the year. Thurs 5-13-48

Doby, who expected to go down this Spring, is ready to go if it's the only way he can play regularly. He hopes and thinks he can stick, but if he goes he'll take it as he has taken other setbacks this year. He'll come bouncing back better than ever.

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Tues. 5-11-48
PM New York, N.Y.

Ready for the champs, these lads are among the Cleveland Indians invading Yankee Stadium today for a three-game series. Left to right are Ken Keltner, Joe Tipton and Larry Doby, who have been specializing in home runs, and relief pitcher Russ Christopher. *Associated Press Wirephoto*

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Hits Three For Five In Opener At Detroit

Atlanta Daily World

DETROIT, Mich.—(SNS)—Larry Doby, first Negro to play in the American League scored two more "firsts," Friday as the Cleveland Indians spoiled the Detroit Tigers' opening day by chalking up an, 8-2 victory, before 45,233 fans at Briggs Stadium.

Atlanta, Ga.

Doby, Cleveland right fielder beat out a single in the first inning for the first 1948 hit at Briggs Stadium, then boomed a towering home run in the rightfield stands in the third for the first 1948 home run here.

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DOBY HOMERS AGAIN

Larry Doby hit his second round tripper Monday as the Cleveland Indians slipped by the Chicago White Sox, 12-11 in a slugfest.

DOBY DISPLAYS POWER

Comparatively at ease in these surroundings and confident, Doby displayed amazing power at bat. He registered three hits in five trips to the plate, one a single that bounced over the mound; one a single that shot into leftfield; and one a tremendous home run that fell into the upper deck of the rightfield stands. For a moment it appeared that the ball would sail out of the park, altogether.

Doby also teed off on another mall that was caught against the fence. He scored two runs.

Pitcher Freddie Hutchinson was making his 1948 debut on the mound for the Tigers, and it was Larry

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Doby who started him down the path of defeat.

Saturday, Doby hit two for three as the Indians beat the Tigers, 4-1 behind the five hit pitching of the celebrated Bob Feller. Doby also scored two runs and collected a triple and a single.

Doby was hit by a pitched ball in the sixth and scored on Gordon's single. He then singled in the eighth reached second on Lou Boudreau's grounder and again scored on a single by Gordon.

Detroit Fans Keen on Doby

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Daily Worker

New York, N.Y.

By John Cherveny

Special to the Daily Worker

DETROIT.—A handsome young player opened the door of the Cleveland dressing room, smiling. A swarm of youngsters holding score cards rushed at him and in a few minutes he was completely surrounded by baseball fans asking for his autograph. Somewhat embarrassed, Larry Doby, the Cleveland Indian right fielder, signed them and as he walked to the exit another crowd waited for him, cheering "atta boy, Larry, you showed them how."

Cleveland had just defeated the Detroit Tigers. But the real victory was against the long-standing policy of discrimination at Briggs Stadium. Doby was the first Negro regular to play in Detroit and the fans cheered him all the way.

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Later in his rom I spent half an hour talking to Doby about his debut in Detroit.

I asked him how he felt about being in the Big Leagues. "It's great," he said. "I guess it's the sort of thing that everybody dreams about."

When I told him he batted against our best pitcher, Freddy Hutchinson, he modestly said, "I was pretty lucky. I hope I can continue the rest of the season like I started here in Detroit. The people here are swell, their cheers helped me a lot."

He praised Manager Lou Boudreau and Hank Greenberg for their help especially.

He came up from the Negro National League. "They really have some sweet players there," he said, "but you are strictly on your own. No coaches or good equipment. You have to learn everything yourself.

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During the war Larry was in the Navy and spent time in Guam and Ulithi Atoll. We talked about Ulithi for a long time. Both of us spent time on an island called Mog Mog. Larry was the physical Educator on the island and played ball on the coral fields.

I told him that the Labor movement has been fighting for years here trying to get some of the crack players from the Negro National League and the Minors into the Tiger lineup. He said, that there were a number of good players in these leagues, and added, "If they are given the chance I got I am sure they will make good."

Larry Doby Seen Best Hitter

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Within two years Larry Eugene Doby, outfielder for the Cleveland Indians, will be the best outfielder and hitter in the American League.

The Guardian

This prediction is made by Jim McCulley, leading New York sports writer in the November issue of Baseball Digest. McCulley forecasts the Idians' leading world series batter—.318 average—will be the American League's "Stan Musial."

Boston, Mass.

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Doby's record with the Indian's this year bears out his backers. He batted .300 most of the season, finishing with .301, drove in 65 runs, knocked out a home run in every park (but in Sportsman's in St. Louis) including his homer that won the fourth World Series game.

Doby is the most improved ball player on our team, for that matter in the whole league," Lou Boudreau, Cleveland manager, has declared. "He has been an inspiration to us all."

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Thirty-five homers next season is predicted for the 23-year old ball player, who McCullery, New York Daily News staff writer, says will surpass even Joe Louis in public esteem.

Two Victories Lift Brooklyn Into 3d Place

Herald Tribune
New York N.Y.
Sun. 7-18-48

Shotton Men Down Reds, 8-4 and 10-4

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HomeRuns by Robinson, Campanella and Shuba Pace Winners' Attack

By Harold Rosenthal

CINCINNATI, July 17.—It's going to make rough Sunday morning reading for a fellow named Leo Durocher, but the Dodgers are now in third place in the National League race, a fraction of a point ahead of the St. Louis Cardinals. Brooklyn moved ahead today by sweeping both ends of a double-header with the Reds, 8 to 4 and 10 to 4, before 29,472 ladies' day spectators at Crosley Field. The double victory gave Brooklyn a four-game series sweep and a significant record of twelve victories in their last fourteen games.

Brooklyn won both games with late surges, with a home run helping things along in each instance. The Dodgers played virtually impeccable ball, with only one error being charged against them in the two games. Defensively Gil Hodges, the first baseman, came as close to sparkling on an afternoon of near 100-degree temperature as any mortal can.

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Hodges Impressive

He turned a dozen desperate chances into putouts. At the plate he came through with six hits in ten trips.

Ralph Branca got credit for his eleventh victory in the first game, even though he was lifted for a pinch hitter in the decisive eighth inning. That was the frame in which Jackie Robinson came through with a three-run homer which doomed the Reds.

In the second game Paul Minner, the lanky left-hander, came through with his first major-league victory after pitching six innings in relief. He gave up six hits, but held the Reds scoreless after they had racked up eight hits and four runs in three innings off the offerings of Harry Taylor.

Barney Shatton's forces batted in double figures in both games. In the first they drew twelve hits off the combined offerings of Howie Fox, Walker Cress and Harry Gumbert (the loser). In the second they stepped up the tempo somewhat and came through with sixteen hits off Herman Wehmeier, Tommy Hughes and Kent Peters on.

Nicked for Two Homers

Two of the hits culled from Wehmeier were home runs George Shuba's in the fifth inning with two out and Roy Campanella's in the eighth with a man on base. For the Reds Ted Kluszewski hammered a lead-off home run off Taylor in the third inning.

The Reds not only held the Dodgers even in the early stages of the second game, but moved ahead by a run in the third. The Dodgers enjoyed a three-run inning in the third on three hits, a walk, and an error, but it wasn't until Shuba put one over the right-field fence in the fifth that Brooklyn drew abreast.

In the eighth, Tommy Brown opened with a double to center field and came home on Campanella's homeer. With one out, Minner got on base on the first of Bobby Adams's two errors in a single inning. With two out, Robinson drew a pass and went to third when Adams bobbled Gene Hermanski's grounder. Shuba then double home two runs and finished Wehmeier. Hughes managed to get the next batter on a roller and Peterson finished up by giving three hits and a run in the ninth.

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Immediately after the double-header the Dodgers left for St. Louis for a three-game series which should have an important bearing on the wafer-thin margin separating the two clubs. Right now its three one-thousandths of a percentage point.

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Branch Rickey, who was in Cincinnati yesterday, flew to Beaumont, Tex., last night and watched Carl Erskine, a right-hander and one of the more promising of the Dodger farm prospects, pitch a four-hit shutout for Fort Worth. It would not be too surprising to find Bobby Bragan, the new Fort Worth manager, conning railroad schedules on Erskine's behalf very shortly.

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Jackie Signs Again With The Dodgers

The Defender
Chicago Ill.
Sat 2-21-48

BULLETIN

NEW YORK—Branch Rickey, Brooklyn Dodger president, told the Defender this week that "I really don't know" when asked whether Jackie Robinson would change his position in the coming season.

Asked then if he hadn't personally preferred Jackie at second base, Rickey replied, "Well, no, that would be the nanagement if that happens!" Neither Robinson nor Rickey would comment on salary, and estimates ranged from $10,000 to $15,000, with most hovering around the $15,000 mark. It is certain however, that Jackie received the top figure.

BROOKLYN, N.Y.—The Brooklyn Dodgers business office announced late Thursday afternoon that Jackie Robinson, Dodgers' first sacker and "rookie for the year" had signed his contract to play with the National League champions this season.

The terms were not disclosed, but it was taken for granted that Jackie received a substantial raise over the reported $5,500 a year salary he received in 1947.

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Robinson led the National League with 29 stolen bases. He batted .298. He fielded .989 and was 10th in the league's fielding statistics. He played in 151 games, had 1,323 putouts and had 92 assists. He accepted 1,431 chances and made 16 errors. Jackie figured in 144 double plays. Jackie scored 125 runs during the regular season.

He was one of the Brooklyn heroes in the world series with the New York Yankees which went the full seven games before the Dodgers lost, four games to three.

Newcombe, Bankhead with Royals

Los Angeles Tribune
Los Angeles Calif

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MONTREAL — Don Newcombe and Dan Bankhead were rated this week as two of his leading five pitchers by manager Clay Hopper of the Montreal Royals, ace club of the Brooklyn Dodgers and incubator of Dodger secondbaseman Jackie Robinson, first Negro to make the major league circuit.

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New Jerseynit Newcombe started off in the Negro National League in 1944 with the Newark Eagles, signed with the Dodgers in 1946, and was shipped off to Nashua, of the New England League, for seasoning. His first season he won 10 games; last year he won 19 against six loses, and ended up one of the brighter prospects of the minors. He will get his chance to make the grade with Montreal. If he proves himself, the Dadgers may bring him up next Spring, said Hopper.

Bankhead was sent down to Montreal by the Dodgers, after they had hustled him off the Memphis Red Sox, of the Negro American League, late last season to help them through to the National League pennant. He got to play in the World Series, and turned a once in a lifetime trick; knocked a homerun off the first ball pitched him.

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Dodger catcher Roy Campanella was brought up from the Royals by the Dodgers at the end of spring training and is doing a regular part-time stint behind the plate. He is the third Negro to make the Dodgers.

Robinson Enthusiastic Over Shift to 2nd Base

The Afro American

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Roy Anxious to Prove Merit as Catcher; Bums End Exhibitions Before 62,369 Fans

Sat 4-24-48
Baltimore Md

By SAM LACY, AFRO Sports Editor

NEW YORK—With the Yankee Stadium turnstiles clicking merrily and establishing an all-time exhibition game record of 62,369 paid admissions, the Brooklyn Dodgers closed their 1948 spring training season with a 5-3 decision over the New York Yankees here Sunday afternoon.

The victory marked the second enjoyed by the Bums in their three-game setto with the Bombers. And it gave the Brooks their 27th exhibition win in 28 starts under Manager Leo Durocher.

Truthfully, the Dodgers lost three other contests, but these were chalked up against a "B" squad, headed by Coach Ray Blades. One of these was charged to Dan Bankhead when he was peppered for six runs in one inning, and lost a 6-0 tiff with Montreal. The other two were lost in Georgia when the Bums split into two squads after returning to the U.S. from their Ciudad Trijillo training base.

So, with their conquests of the Yankees, their 1947 World Series conquerors, the Flatbush favorites were ready for the opening of the 1948 National League campaign at the Polo Grounds, Tuesday.

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Ready for Drive

Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella set as full-fledged Dodgers, were looking to the opening of the drive with eagerness. The former is enthusiastic over his chance to return to second base, a position he much prefers to first. And the latter is anxiously awaiting the opportunity to prove his merits as a major league catcher.

Robinson was none too impressive in the series with Joe DiMaggio, et al. He handled the few chances he had afield with smoothness, and gave evidence that the loss of Eddie Stanky will not be a serious one.

At the bat, however, he was considerably less than good. Still fat and slow, he reached first only once in four tries in Sunday's battle. That was on a walk in the ninth. Before then, he had failed to get a ball out of the infield.

Campy Strikes Out

Campanella caught but two innings throughout the series. They were the eighth and ninth of the final game. He handled Harry Taylor in workman-like fashion and drew a tremendous roar from the stands each time his name was mentioned on the public address system; the first time when he was announced as catcher to replace Gil Hodges, and the second time when he came to the plate as lead-off batter in the ninth. He struck out.

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The first two games of the series also saw Robbie go hitless, keeping alive a slump that held him to one safety in his last previous 29 times at bat. Except for a three-run homer he blasted in Baltimore (which is a forgiveable exception), Jackie had not obtained a hit since the Bums left Oklahoma City, Apr. 6.

Failed in Pinch

On Friday in Yankee Stadium, the Dodger first-sacker swung four times and got only one ball out of the infield, a lofty fly to right in the fourth. He did no better in the friendly confines of Ebbets Field, Saturday, this time his lone outfield smack falling into the keeping of Leftfielder Charley Keller in the second.

The unfortunate thing was that on each of these occasions Jackie's impotency spent the last breath in a Brooklyn rally. Friday, his fly to right was the final out in a four-run inning, and Saturday he made the last out in a frame in which the Brooks had tallied two runs and still had two men on.

Dodgers Maintain Hot Pace By Beating Cubs 9-3 and 7-1

Courier-Journal, Louisville Ky.

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Thurs. 7-22-4

Brooks Have Won 7 Against 1 Loss Since Shotton Took Over Reins

Chicago, July 21 (AP)—The Brooklyn Dodgers continued their torrid pace in the National League pennant race today, sweeping a double-header from the Chicago Cubs, 9-3 and 7-1 to strengthen their grip on second place.

Since Burt Shotton took over from Leo Durocher, the Dodgers have won seven games and lost only one.

Big Ralph Branca breezed to his 12th victory in the first game, scattering eight hits while his mates clubbed three Chicago pitchers for 16.

Tommy Brown and Jackie Robinson led the Dodger attack by collecting three hits apiece. Brown knocked in four runs including two in the fourth inning when the Dodgers staged a five-run rally to sew up the game.

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Dutch McCall held the Dodgers second game but the Brooks, with the aid of two errors, broke his spell by scoring four runs in the sixth.

With one out, Joe Hatten reached first on Dick Culler's error. Marv Rackley singled for hitless for five innings in the the first Dodger hit and Robinson then beat out an infield hit. When Culler threw wild on Robinson's hit, Hatten scored. Gene Hermanski then clouted a home run to clinch the decision.

FIRST GAME.

Bklyn.	ab.	h.	po.	a.	Chicago.	ab.	h.	po.	a.
Rackley m	5	2	5	0	Jeffcoat m	5	0	2	0
Robinson 2	6	3	1	1	Waitkus 1b	4	2	12	0
Herm'nski r	5	1	5	0	Lowrey 2	5	0	1	5
Shuba l	3	1	0	0	Pafko 3	3	0	4	1
Reese s	3	1	0	1	Nicholson r	4	2	3	0
Brown 3	5	3	1	1	Cavarretta l	4	0	0	1
Campa'la c	5	1	9	1	Schenz 2	0	0	1	0
Hodges 1b	4	2	6	0	Culler s	3	2	1	3
Branca p	4	2	0	1	Hamner p	1	0	0	0
Totals	40	16	27	5	Dobernic p	0	0	0	0
					*Walker	1	1	0	0
					†Rush	0	0	0	0
*B for Dobernic in 4.					Chambers p	2	0	0	1
†R for Walker in 4.					Totals	35	8	27	12

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E—Jeffcoat, Reese. RBI—Brown 4, Hermanski, Campanella, Hodges, Robinson 2, Nicholson, Culler, Walker. 2BH—Culler, Hodges. 3BH—Robinson. HR—Nicholson. SB—Brown. S—Branca. LOB—Brook. 12, Chi. 9. BB—Hamner, 5. Dobernic 1, Chambers 1, Branca 4. SO—Hamner 2, Dobernic 1, Branca 7. H—Off Hamner, 7 in 3 (faced 3 in 4th); Dobernic, 3 in 1; Chambers, 6 in 5. LP—Hamner.

SECOND GAME

B'klyn.	ab.	h.	po.	a.	Chicago.	ab.	h.	po.	a.
Rackley m	4	1	1	0	Jeffcoat m	4	1	4	0
Robinson 2	4	2	4	4	Waitkus 1b	4	0	4	0
Herm'nski r	3	1	1	0	Lowrey 2-1	4	1	3	0
Reese s	4	0	6	5	Pafko 3	4	2	2	0
Shuba l	4	1	0	0	Nicholson r	3	0	4	0
Brown 3	3	0	1	2	*Scheffing	1	0	0	0
Edwards c	4	2	4	3	Scheffing 2	0	0	1	0
Hodges 1b	4	1	10	1	M'ddern l-r	4	1	2	0
Hatten p	4	0	0	2	McCull'gh c	4	2	7	1
Totals	34	8	27	17	Culler s	3	0	0	1
					McCall p	2	0	0	2
					†Mauch	1	0	0	0
					Totals	34	7	27	4

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*B for Nic'lson in 8.
†B for McCall in 9.

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Chicago .... 000 000 010—1

E—Brown, Culler 2, Jeffcoat. RBI—Hermanski 3, Pafko, Edwards 2. HR—Hermanski, Edwards. SB—Edwards, Hodges. S—Brown. DP—Edwards and Reese LOB—Brooklyn 2; Chicago 8. BB—McCall 1, Hatten 2. SO—McCall 7, Hatten 4.

500 Negroes Watch Game From Levee 'Outside' Wall; Others Are Jim Crowed

The Defender

Sat 4-17-48

Chicago, Ill

FORT WORTH, Texas.—Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella made baseball history in the Lone Star state on Saturlday and Sunday April 3 and 4. The two Negro players of the Brooklyn Dodgers were the first of their race to play against and with a professional baseball team in Texas.

Jackie played the entire nine innings of both games at first base and led off in the batting. Campanella caught the seventh, eighth and ninth of both games.

The Fort Worth Cats of the Texas League is a farm club of the Brooklyn Dodgers. The Dodgers whipped the Cats, with Campanella scoring an important run in the ninth, 5-3 on Saturday and came back Sunday to turn the Texas team back, 4-3 before 15,507 paid admissions, the largest crowd in Fort Worth's history.

NEGRO FANS JIM CROWED

Negro baseball fans, several thousand, were forced to stand behind the rope back of the foul in left and right field beyond third and first base, on Sunday.

Another 500 sat on the giant levee outside of the left-field wall. This levee is a barrier between the park and the Trinity river when the river goes on a rampage. To sit there these Negro fans were charged the regular bleacher price of 90 cents each.

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Robinson who had walked in the Brooklyn third and advanced when Vaughn and Snider drew bases on balls. Jackie came home when Pee Wee Reese beat out an infield hit.

A walk to Johnny Van Cuyk walked to start the seventh Robinson beat out a bunt down the third sacker couldn't field in time. This feat was a signal for the Negro fans, Jim Crowed along the first and third base foul lines and beyond the wall on the levee, to burst out with prolonged cheers.

Duke Snider belted one into centerfield and it landed into the crowd. Ground rules held him to two bases, Cuyk scoring and Robinson halting at third. Jackie came home with run number two of the inning when Gil Hodges grounded out. Snider moved up to third. Reese was up. Snider stole home with the winning run.

Robinson was up four times, got two runs, made two hits and had seven putouts. He stole one base. Campanella was at the bat no official times. He was credited with two putouts and one assist.

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Saturday, the Dodgers played before the largest crowd of the spring training tour. There were 7,563 paid customers in the park.

WHERE WILL JACKIE PLAY

Robinson stayed on first although Ray Sanders, bought from the Boston Braves, was scheduled to start. Sanders took a plane for St. Louis for an X-ray on his arm. Thus Jackie remains a fixture at first. Manager Durocher recently made the remark that "Bill Cox can play second. He can play anywhere".

However, the newspapermen traveling with the Dodgers are beginning to believe that when April 20 comes around the Dodgers infield will consist of Spider Jorgensen at third, Cox on second, Robinson at first and Reese in short. The choice of first depends largely on Sanders' physical condition to play. Pete Reiser will not play first except in an emergency. If his arm heals, Sanders is Durocher's man for the initial bag.

Those who have thought all along that Jackie will play second may be making a bad guess. Durocer has hinted that Miksis will play second.

Robinson was up four times Saturday, got one hit and one run. He handled six putouts and two assists in major league fashion.

Campanella was up once, scored one run and made no hits. He stole one base.

Negro Fans In Reserve Seats In Dallas Park

The Defender

Sat 4-17-48

Chicago, Ill

OKLAHOMA CITY — The Brooklyn Dodgers no. 1 team walloped the Oklahoma City Indians of the Texas League, 8-1, here Tuesday, April 6, for their 20th straight win. Jackie Robinson, at first, and Campanella, who went behind the bat in the fifth and finished the game, was greeted warmly by the record breaking week-day crowd of 10,937, a great portion of them Negroes.

Jackie was at bat six times made one hit and drove in one run. He scored one run. Campanella was up twice but only once officially because he was hit with a pitched ball by Pitcher Rowland. Campy got one hit making two days out of three that he has had a perfect batting average.

Robinson had 10 putouts, Campy three. Neither erred.

DALLAS, Texas—Jackie Robinson attracted another record crowd of Texas fans—this time on Monday, April 5, when the Brooklyn Dodgers won their 19th game in a row by defeating the Dallas Rebels, 4-0.

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For the first time in Texas baseball history, the reserved seats back of the grandstand were available to Negro fans —a thing which was just the oppositte in Fort Worth on Saturday and Sunday. Negro fans made up more than half of the crowd of 11,370, a record Monday crowd.

Negro fans filled the reserved section, also the upper tiers of the rightfield bleachers and the small bleacher sections in right and left field. They were also spread solidly around the outfield.

CHEER JACKIE'S MOVES

They cheered every move Robinson made. Every putout, every assist, every time he got on base was the cue to let loose a round of cheers. Robinson scored once, drove in a run amid deafening applanse. He got on base four times. The Negro fans had as much of a field as Jackie.

Altogether Robinson had three hits, one run in four official times at the plate. He figured in the two fast double plays. He accepted nine chances, eight of them being putouts and one an assist.

CAMPANELLA DOUBLES

Roy Campanella, secured by the Dodgers form Montreal, looms as a regular starting catcher. In Saturday's and Sunday's games at Fort Worth, Manager Durocher sent him in the seventh frame of each game. Monday, here, Campanella went in to do the backstopping in the fourth. He is hitting while Gil Hodges has been in a slump since the team returned to the United States.

Campanella walked the first time he went to the plate and the second time he doubled. Thus he had one for one officially and a 1,000 percentage in batting for the day.

Roy had six putouts and no assists,

Jackie Still Holds First

Courier

Sat 3-13-48

Pittsburgh Pa

By WENDELL SMITH

(Sports Editor)

TRUJILLO CITY, D. R.—Little Eddie Stanky, scrappy second baseman and captain of the Brooklyn Dodgers packed his togs and departed rather reluctantly Sunday for Florida where he was to have joined the Boston Braves, having been sold to the Hub City club last Saturday in the biggest diamond deal of the spring.

The Dodgers received an unannounced sum of cash, Carvel (Bama) Rowell, an outfielder and Ray Sanders, an ailing first baseman from Boston for Stanky. The deal came as a complete surprise, and the acquisition of another first baseman automatically raised the question of Jackie Robinson's status.

JACKIE STILL AT FIRST

Manager Leo Durocher emphasized the fact, however, that Robinson is the Dodger first baseman. "If anyone, including Sanders, wants the job," he said, "they'll have to beat Robinson out. Right now it's all his."

Rowell is headed for Montreal, while Sanders, an ex-Cardinal and a long ball hitter, is still recovering from a shoulder injury. Soon after he joined the Braves two years ago, Sanders collided with another player in a game and broke his shoulder in three places. It is also reported that he has a "slight heart condition."

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MIKSIS AT SECOND

Durocher said that Eddie Miksis will replace Stanky at second. When asked if he thought the 21-year-old infielder had enough experience to replace Stanky, Durocher replied, "He's young and can learn. Look at Robinson. When he started at first last year he wasn't a big leaguer. In the last three months he was a wizard on the sack. Eddie should be able to do the same thing."

Behind all this, the tactful hand of Branch Rickey can be seen. When queried as to the new second base situation, Rickey simply said, "You can still say that the best second baseman in baseball is playing first base." Obviously he was referring to Robinson.

JACKIE HIS ACE

If Miksis fails to live up to expectations, Robinson is almost sure to be returned to the role of a second baseman. In fact, there is a possibility that he will start the season at that position, with Sanders, Preston Ward, a rookie, or Cookie Lavagetto on first base.

Robinson said he will play second base if it is the wish of Durocher. "I don't know what I can do there now," he said. "It's been a long time since played the position." Robinson was the outstanding second baseman in the International League when he played for Montreal in 1946.

Last spring he was converted into a first sacker and won "Rookie of the Year" laurels.

It is the general consensus that Rickey would not have let Stanky go if he felt that Miksis could not do the job. He is fortified with Robinson, and consequently is not worried about the position in the least.

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REGULARS WIN

In the first intra-squad game of the training session, Saturday, Coach Pitler's team, composed of regulars, defeated Coach Ray Blade's nine, 5 to 0. In three trips to the plate, Robinson walked once, was hit by a pitched ball, and grounded out to shortstop. He stole third in the final inning of the six-inning game and scored the fifth run after being trapped off third and chased up and down the base line for approximately one minute.

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He finally scored when the infielders became confused while he was prancing up and down the base path.

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2 DODGER PLAYERS COACH IN HARLEM

Robinson and Campanella Plan to Help Keep Children Off Streets and at 'Y'

Tues 11-16-48

New York N.Y.

Youngsters confronted with their idols are apt to exhibit a bit of awe, a bit of reluctance and a bit of the show-off that is in every energetic child.

So it was yesterday when two star players for the Brooklyn Dodgers—Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella—made their appearance at the Harlem Y.M.C.A. for the first time. There in the gymnasium at 180 West 135th Street they will coach the youngsters in athletics and calisthenics and "help to keep them off the streets" this winter, according to Mr. Robinson.

"The main thing is to try and keep them interested here," he declared. "We know the work the Y is doing is very valuable."

Surrounded by Children

When the two baseball players walked out on the gymnasium floor they were immediately surrounded by forty noisy children.

"Are you really Jackie Robinson?" one wide-eyed boy asked, and when Mr. Robinson smiled and nodded, the boy ran away abashed.

But most of the boys soon forgot their shyness and the two muscular players became embroiled in a basketball game.

In a matter of moments Mr. Campanella returned to the sidelines. "Those little squirts ran me ragged in two minutes," he panted. "Keep this up and I'll definitely be in shape next season."

The players' duties with the Boys Work Department of the organization will take up their afternoons from 1 P. M. to 6 P. M. and most of Saturday. Each of the players will also spend one night a week with older groups. The boys they will coach range in age from 8 to 16 years.

To Supervise Basketball

In addition, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Campanella will speak at Harlem school assemblies and address other school groups to cement relations between the schools and the "Y." They will also supervise a community-wide basketball league to be formed among churches, community centers and after-school groups of younger boys. 11-16-47

Yesterday, however, proved to be a hectic one for the youngsters. They were pushed into position for news pictures, lectured by "Y" officials. And, despite the unusual attention, the boys liked their day and were well-pleased with their new instructors.

"I like them. I think they're all right," 9-year-old Vernon Bain summed up for the group. Then he added: "I think they'll both go far." Finally, Vernon, who lives at 241 West 113th Street, blurted out a problem that apparently had been bothering some of the other boys also.

"It would be better," he confessed, "if they both were Yankees instead of Dodgers. A lot of us are Yankee fans."

Dodgers Send Roy Campanella To Saint Paul

Chicago Defender

BROOKLYN, N.Y. — Forced to cut their squad to 26 men because of the National League rules, the Brooklyn Dodgers farmed Roy Campanella, catcher who played last year with the Montreal Royals to the St. Paul club of the American Association.

Campanella, who was secured from the Baltimore Elites of the Negro National League and played one season with Nashua, N.H., Dodgers in the New England League, becomes the first Negro to play in the American Association. The circuit includes Kansas City, Mo., Indianapolis, Toledo, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Columbus, Ohio, and Louisville.

In Kansas City, Mo., the Monarchs drew 14,000 to their opener on May 16, a larger attendance than the home city's Blues did in the American Association.

Camp Hodges Rivals For Brook's Catcher's Post

CIUDAD TRUJILLO D. R.— Gil Hodges and Ray Campanella are rivals for the No. 2 catching job with the Brooklyn Dodgers. Manager Leo Durocher took Hodges along with the team as the only catcher in a game with the Dominican Allstars at San Cristobal last Wednesday. He was the star of the game, getting a three-run homer in the first inning.

Robinson Flies To Join Brooklyn Mates

Defender

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, D. R. — Jackie Robinson, Brooklyn Dodgers first sacker, who recently signed for a reputed $15,000 is flying directly here to join the Dodgers when they arrive in camp.

Roy Campanella left Miami last week, for here and will report to the Montreal Royals of the International League. Roy, said to be the first catcher in the history of the International League, may be given a tryout with the Dodgers.

Dan Bankhead arrived with several Brooklyn players. He said he had recovered from a recent operation and that his arm is in good shape.

Dodger Fan

One Brooklyn Dodger rooter feels so strongly about "Dem Bums" that he has suggested naming the several new trackless trolleys the city has on order after present and past players of the team.

Mize, Thomson HRs Among N. Y.'s 17 Hits

Star
New York, N.Y.
(47)

By Heywood Hale Broun

When Leo Durocher left the Dodgers he apparently took with him certain magic apparatus, incantations and other occult aids, for the spell which the Dodgers usually hold over the Giants at Ebbets Field was conspicuously absent last night. To the crowd of 33,932 it was excruciatingly absent, for in running up a 13-4 win the Giants took the suspense out of the game at once by scoring five runs in the first inning and running their total to nine before the Dodgers scored at all. Tues.

Preacher Roe who was saved for eight days to pitch in last night's game, appeared to have become a little mildewed on the shelf because he was out after facing five batters. Four more pitchers followed, and only Paul Minner, who pitched two innings, escaped unscathed. 7-27-48

Flock Now Third

The Giants visited the ultimate humiliation on Brooklyn by scoring two needless ninth-inning runs to spoil the home return of Hugh Casey.

The loss dropped the Dodgers into third place. A half game behind the St. Louis Cardinals, who come in for a series starting today.

In making 17 hits, behind Sheldon Jones, their starter and finisher, the Giants came within one of the 18 hits which was their previous season high. Such antics by the Giants in Ebbets Field must have made Leo Durocher a very happy man and if the game had dragged on 45 minutes more, the final out would have been a birthday present for the Giant manager who is 42 today.

Solid Giant hitting and bad Brooklyn fielding produced a first half-inning which must have made Dodger fans in the crowd wonder why they tried so hard for tickets.

Billy Rigney led off with a single to center and Whitey Lockman sacrificed. Sid Gordon singled for the first run and Johnny Mize hit a grounder which first baseman Gil Hodges let escape into right field and which Gene Hermanski then

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Dodgers Give Up $8,000 After Jackie Incident

7-30-48 The Call
ansas City, Mo.

MONTREAL, Canada. — (ANP) — The Brooklyn Dodgers waived their $8,000 share of the gate receipts coming from an exhibition game here with the Montreal Royals on July 12, because of the Jackie Robinson "incident". Hector H. Racine, president of the Royals, announced here this week

The incident arose when 17,809 fans shouted, screamed and cursed because the Dodgers allowed Robinson to appear only in the first inning of the game between the two teams, replacing him at second base with Eddie Miksis.

Throughout the remainder of the game the fans yelled: "We want Robinson! Let Jackie play; we came to see Jackie play."

Fri. 7-30-48

Jackie became one of the city's most popular ball players in 1946 when he became the first Negro to play in organized baseball. He led the Royals and the International league at bat.

Speaking of the incident in a telegram, Dodgers' President Branch Rickey said: "The handling of player Robinson was most regrettable."

Clyde Sukeforth, in charge of the game, said he took Robinson out of the lineup on orders of Leo Durocher, then the Dodgers' manager, because Robinson was suffering from a back injury.

The Brooklyn relinquished $8,000 will be used to encourage and equip amateur leagues and sandlot baseball teams around Montreal, said Racine.

Dodgers Give Up $8,000 'To Pacify Robinson's Fans

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Fans became very angry in that game when Robinson made only a token appearance as a batter. They howled "We want Robinson" in vain. Jackie became one of the city's most popular ball players in 1946 when he became the first Negro to play in organized baseball. He led the Royals and the International league at bat.

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BOSTON HOLDS LEAD

The Times
Sun. 8-22-48

Spahn Triumphs by 2-1 After Dodgers Annex Opening Game at 8-7

(47a)

34,456 AT EBBETS FIELD

New York, N.Y.

Sain Routed as Brooks Score 5 Runs in Initial Inning of First Test—Behrman Wins

By ROSCOE McGOWEN

That pretty blue Brooklyn pennant flew briefly from the first-place spot atop the center field stands at Ebbets Field yesterday and 34,456 fans went wild when it was raised.

That was just after the Dodgers had nosed out the Braves, 8—7, in the first game of a double-header. Then Warren Spahn held them to four hits in the nightcap and the Braves won, 2—1, to resume their slim margin at the head of the National League parade.

The Times

The fourth hit off the Boston southpaw came with one out in the ninth of the second game and deprived him of a shut-out. It was a terrific drive into the lower left center-field stands by Bruce Edwards for his seventh homer of the campaign.

Preacher Roe waged a shut-out duel with Spahn for four innings, then fell victim to three solidly hit balls toward the left-field corner in the fifth. Frank McCormick hit the first one into the corner for a double, Clint Conatser lashed another off the up-flung glove of Billy Cox for a second two-bagger and, with one out, Sibi Sisti rifled another that went for a single and an error when Edwards let the ball through. Those two runs were all Spahn needed for his tenth triumph and were plenty to debit Roe with his seventh loss.

Sun. 8-22-48

Some Fine Mound Work

Carl Erskine blanked the Braves for three more frames and Joe Hatten, the first-game starter, for one more, but this good pitching went for naught. Edwards, Snider and Campanella got the other three hits off Spahn, all singles—in the second, third and fifth innings.

But for the brilliant defensive play of Jackie Robinson the Brooks might have blown the opener. The Negro star took Hank Behrman out of trouble twice and gave Hatten a big lift once.

There was a world series atmosphere around the field, where police lines were formed early and at least 20,000 persons turned away. General admission gates opened at 9 o'clock in the morning and were closed an hour later with many still clamoring to get in.

Those who did get in made up the second largest crowd of the season, the record gathering having been 36,500 at a night game with the Braves on July 7.

Sun. 8-22-48

Belted Out in First

Johnny Sain didn't have it in the first game, the Brooks belting him out in the first inning when they scored five times. Robinson added the sixth run in the second frame with his eighth homer of the campaign, a drive deep into the lower left field stands off Red Barrett.

Barrett had taken over in the first after Hodges' double to left had sent in the third run and routed Sain. Singles by Hermanski and Reese, plus passes to Rackley and Snider, mixed with a force play, had preceded Hodges' blow.

Reese scored on Campanella's infield out after Barrett came in and Hatten singled Hodges home after Cox had been purposely passed. Hermanski singled and stole second, following Robby's big blow, but that was all for the moment.

The Braves got a big chance in the fourth when Hodges took a double-play grounder from Sisti and threw wild past Reese—a certain double play that would have ended the inning. The Braves had scored one on a pass to Elliott and Frank McCormick's double to the left-field corner. On Gil's error McCormick scored, and after Al Lyons batted for Barrett and fanned Holmes bounced a two-run single through the middle.

Gains Fourth Triumph

That ended Hatten's tenure, Behrman replacing him to pitch until there were two out in the ninth and gain credit for his fourth triumph.

When Hank left the Braves had the tying run on first base and Paul Minner, who replaced him, walked the potential winning run in the person of Bill Salkeld, batting for Sisti. But it finally ended with Bob Sturgeon, batting for Ernie White, fouling out to Hodges.

Jeff Heath's fifteenth homer of the year, a towering clout that dropped behind the right-field score board, produced the fifth Boston run in the fifth. A pass to Conatser and Masi's long double to right center added one more in the seventh, then Heath doubled off the right center wall in the ninth and scored after two were out on Masi's pop fly single to left center, a ball that Snider missed catching but trapped neatly.

The key plays made by Robinson came in the sixth and seventh innings. After Holmes walked in the sixth Robby made a great diving stop of Dark's bid for a hit, scrambled to his feet and threw the Boston shortstop out.

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Second Diving Stop

It was Heath who suffered in the seventh, Robby making almost a duplicate play on his hot smash to the right side. In addition, Jackie went deep into center field in the third to catch Holmes' pop fly, falling over Snider just as he made the catch.

The Brooks had added single runs in the fourth and sixth off Lyons, who remained in the game to pitch after batting for Barrett. A pass to Robinson and Snider's triple to left-center brought the fourth-inning tally, while a pass to Rackley, Masi's passed ball and two infield outs added the final run in the sixth.

Ralph Branca won't pitch again for two weeks. The ailing righthander must remain in Swedish Hospital until "the infection in his left ankle is localized," Dr. Dominic Rossi said yesterday. "When that comes about, a small incision probably will be made," the doctor added. Branca has been receiving penicillin shots every three hours.

The box scores:

FIRST GAME

BOSTON (N.)

	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Holmes, rf	4	0	3	2	0	0
Dark, ss	5	0	2	2	2	1
M.M'Cor'k, lf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Torgeson, 1b	3	0	0	6	1	0
Elliott, 3b	3	1	0	0	2	0
F.McCor., 1b	2	1	1	4	0	0
Heath, lf	3	2	2	0	0	0
Conatser, cf	3	1	0	2	0	0
Masi, c	4	1	3	5	0	0
Sisti, 2b	4	1	0	3	3	0
bSalkeld	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sain, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Barrett, p	1	0	0	0	0	0
Lyons, p	2	0	0	0	1	0
aRyan	1	0	0	0	0	0
White, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
cSturgeon	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total	38	7	11	24	9	1

BROOKLYN (N.)

	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Rackley, lf	2	1	0	4	0	0
Edwards, lf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Robinson, 2b	3	3	1	3	4	0
Herm'ski, rf	4	1	2	4	0	0
Furillo, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Snider, cf	3	1	1	2	0	0
Reese, ss	4	1	1	2	4	0
Hodges, 1b	4	1	1	8	0	1
Camp'ella, c	4	0	0	4	0	0
Cox, 3b	2	0	0	0	0	0
Hatten, p	2	0	1	0	0	0
Behrman, p	1	0	0	0	0	0
Minner, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	31	8	7	27	8	1

aPopped out for Lyons in eighth.
bWalked for Sisti in ninth.
cFouled out for White in ninth.

Boston	000	410	101	—7
Brooklyn	510	101	00.	—8

Runs batted in—Reese 2, Hodges, Campanella, Hatten, Robinson, F. McCormick, Sisti, Holmes 2, Heath, Snider, Hermanski, Masi 2.

Two-base hits—Hodges, F. McCormick, Masi, Heath. Three-base hits—Snider, Holmes. Home runs—Robinson, Heath. Stolen base—Hermanski. Sacrifice—Behrman. Double play—Reese, Robinson and Hodges. Left on bases—Boston 11, Brooklyn 7. Bases on balls—Off Sain 2, Barrett 1, Lyons 2, White 2, Hatten 3, Behrman 3, Minner 1. Struck out—By Lyons 2, White 1, Hatten 2, Behrman 2. Hits—Off Sain 3 in 1-3 inning, Barrett 3 in 2 2-3, Lyons 1 in 4, White in 1, Hatten 5 in 3 2-3, Behrman 6 in 5, Minner 0 in 1-3. Passed ball—Masi. Winning pitcher—Behrman. Losing pitcher—Sain. Umpires—Stewart, Henline and Conla. Time of game—2:48.

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SECOND GAME

BOSTON (N.)

	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Holmes, rf	4	0	1	3	0	0
Dark, ss	4	0	1	1	2	0
M.M'C'k, lf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Elliott, 3b	3	0	0	2	2	0
F.M'C'k, 1b	2	1	1	5	0	0
Torgeson, 1b	2	0	0	4	0	0
Conatser, cf	4	1	1	2	0	0
Masi, c	3	0	0	6	3	0
Sisti, 2b	3	0	2	3	2	0
Spahn, p	3	0	0	0	2	0
Total	31	2	6	27	11	0

BROOKLYN (N.)

	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Cox, 3b	4	0	0	1	2	0
Robinson, 2b	4	0	0	2	1	0
Reese, ss	3	0	0	0	1	0
Edwards, lf	4	1	2	4	0	1
Furillo, rf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Hodges, 1b	4	0	0	5	0	0
Camp'lla, c	3	0	1	11	1	0
Snider, cf	3	0	1	3	0	0
Roe, p	0	0	0	0	1	0
aReiser	1	0	0	0	0	0
Erskine, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
bBrown	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hatten, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	30	1	4	27	6	1

aFlied out for Roe in fifth.
bStruck out for Erskine in eighth.

Boston	000	020	000	—2
Brooklyn	000	000	001	—1

Runs batted in—Conatser, Sisti, Edwards.

Two-base hits—F. McCormick, Conatser, Sisti. Home run—Edwards. Sacrifice—M. McCormick. Double plays—Dark, Sisti and F. McCormick; Cox and Hodges. Left on bases—Boston 5, Brooklyn 5. Bases on balls—Off Spahn 3, Erskine 2. Struck out—By Spahn 8, Roe 4, Erskine 4, Hatten 1. Hits—Off Roe 4 in 5 innings, Erskine 2 in 3, Hatten 0 in 1. Losing pitcher—Roe. Umpires—Henline, Conlan and Stewart. Time of game—2.05. Attendance—34,456 paid.

Dodgers

PINCH HIT DECIDES FOR BROOKS, 4 TO 3

New York N.Y.
Sept. 6-48

Blow by Shuba With Two Out and Bases Loaded Offsets Two Homers by Mize

9-6-48 Mon

11 STRIKEOUTS FOR ROE

Southpaw Goes Route to Win No. 9—Koslo and Poat Fail After Kennedy Retires

By ROSCOE McGOWEN

Apparently hopelessly beaten by Big Jawn Mize's second home run in the twelfth inning of a magnificent pitchers' battle between Montia Kennedy and Preacher Roe, the Dodgers yesterday sent all Flatbush into a state of hysteria by scoring three runs after two were out to beat the Giants, 4—3.

George Shuba, the strong-armed rookie from Mobile, became the darling of most of the season's record Ebbets Field crowd of 35,750 when he blasted a double high off the right center field screen with the bases filled.

This blow wasn't made off Kennedy but off Ray Poat, the second relief pitcher Leo Durocher had called to the mound in the feverish twelfth. It came with the count two balls and no strikes against Shuba, who had been summoned by Barney Shotton to bat for Carl Furillo in a last ditch effort to break both the Giant winning and the Dodger losing streaks, which had extended, respectively, to five and four games.

When Kennedy, who had permitted only six hits in eleven innings, walked Marv Rackley on four straight pitches to open the twelfth, Durocher came out to the mound for the first time to the accompaniment of a storm of boos, and waved for Dave Koslo to come in.

Fails on Third Call

Dave had turned in two relief jobs in the series—an especially fine one Saturday—but he couldn't do it the third time. Tommy Brown, batting for Roe, poked a single into center field, then Billy Cox bounced the first pitch to left through the drawn-in infield for a base-filling single.

Eddie Miksis, who had come into the game in the eleventh after Umpire Larry Goetz had chased Jackie Robinson for what was apparently some red-hot comment on a third strike in the tenth, also hit the first pitch, but Koslo, fielding the hopper near the third base foul line, tossed to Walker Cooper to force Rackley at the plate.

Here Peewee Reese drew a pass on four straight pitches and this time Leo sent Stony Jackson out to tell Koslo he was through. Poat came in to face the old pro, Arky Vaughan, batting for Bruce Edwards, and disposed of Arky on a pop-up to Jack Lohrke.

Then came Shuba and his triumphant wallop.

Both Roe and Kennedy turned in some of the finest pitching of the season but the Preacher couldn't get by Mize, who hit his first homer in the fourth inning into Bedford Avenue with two out and none on base.

Out on Furillo's Throw

Big Jawn brought more pain momentarily to the Dodger fans when he lined a single to right with two out in the ninth. When the ball bounced back off the concrete he tried to make it a double. Furillo, who then was playing right field, cut Big Jawn down on a perfect strike to Reese.

Beginning the fifth inning Roe struck out six straight men to come within one of the record shared by two other former Dodger pitchers—Dazzy Vance in 1924 and Van Lingle Mungo in 1936—and an oldtime Giant, Hooks Wiltse, who fanned seven in a row in 1906. He missed tying the record when Sid Gordon slapped at his first pitch in the seventh and popped to Reese.

There was no great Giant threat from the fourth to the twelfth. Then Whitey Lockman hit the first pitch just under Roe's glove for a single over second, Miskis knocking the ball down with his bare hand. Gordon took one healthy swing to foul the ball, then sacrificed neatly, Cox to Gil Hodges, bringing up Big Jawn.

Mize looked at one called strike, then belted his thirty-fourth homer of the campaign well over the right-field screen—and a lot of customers began leaving the park.

The Crowd Stays On

A few minutes later they were stopping to take another look, and after Brown's single nobody was moving toward the exits.

It was Cox who gave the Brooks the run which deadlocked the score at 1—1, and Pistol Pete Reiser who carried it home. Pete batted for Gene Hermanski in the eighth and, after swinging for one strike, walked on the next four pitches. Roe tried vainly to bunt, being automatically out for bunting a third strike foul.

Then Cox, with the count two strikes and one ball, lined a hit to right that took an odd bounce off the concrete and eluded Willard Marshall long enough for Billy to make it a triple.

In the ninth Furillo opened with a single to right and Hodges sacrificed, this being followed by an intentional pass to Roy Campanella. But Rackley struck out and Roe, whom Shotton declined to lift for a pinch-hitter at this point, sent a pop fly to Mize.

Branca, Taylor Today

The Dodgers' position in the race remained unchanged, since the Braves, whom they rushed away to face in two games today, also won. The teams will start proceedings in Boston even in the loss column. Shotton has elected Ralph Branca and the recently recalled Harry Taylor as his pitchers.

Taylor insists his arm is all right and that he has his "strength back." Said Shotton: "We'll soon know—and I can't find out leaving him on the bench."

New York N.Y.

Goetz called Robinson out on an inside pitch in the tenth. Robby dropped his bat in an open gesture of disgust. Then he turned on the umpire, who spoke calmly to him until Coach Clyde Sukeforth came out and tried to get Robinson away. This seemed to enrage Jackie more and he broke away from the coach to continue the argument. Goetz then waved him out of the game.

New York N.Y.

At the end of nine innings Roe had made 117 pitches and Kennedy must have been close to or even under that number. The Preacher fanned eleven in winning his ninth game, while Kennedy struck out five. Koslo took the rap for his eighth loss.

9-6-48

The box score:

NEW YORK (N.)

	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Lohrke, 2b	4	0	0	7	6	0
Lockman, cf	5	1	2	2	0	0
Gordon, 3b	4	0	1	1	2	0
Mize, 1b	5	2	3	12	0	1
Marshall, rf	5	0	1	4	0	0
Cooper, c	4	0	0	7	0	0
Thomson, lf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Kerr, ss	4	0	1	2	3	0
Kennedy, p	4	0	0	0	3	1
Koslo, p	0	0	0	0	1	0
Poat, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	39	3	8	*35	15	2

BROOKLYN (N.)

	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Cox, 3b	6	1	2	1	4	0
Rob'son, 2b	5	0	2	3	3	0
Miksis, 2b	1	1	0	0	0	0
Reese, ss	4	0	0	5	0	0
Edwards, lf	5	0	2	2	0	0
cVaughan	1	0	0	0	0	0
Furillo, cf, rf	4	0	1	2	1	0
dShuba	1	0	1	0	0	0
Hodges, 1b	3	0	0	10	0	0
Camp'ella, c	4	0	0	12	2	0
Herm'ski, rf	2	0	0	1	0	0
aReiser	0	1	0	0	0	0
Rackley, cf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Roe, p	4	0	0	0	1	0
bBrown	1	1	1	0	0	0
Total	42	4	9	36	11	0

*Two out when winning run scored.
aWalked for Hermanski in eighth.
bSingled for Roe in twelfth.
cPopped out for Edwards in twelfth.
dDoubled for Furillo in twelfth.

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Brooklyn	000	000	010	003	—4

Runs batted in—Mize 3, Cox, Reese, Shuba 2.

Two-base hits—Robinson, Shuba. Three-base hits—Robinson, Cox. Home runs—Mize 2. Sacrifices—Furillo, Hodges, Gordon. Double plays—Lohrke and Mize; Lohrke, Kerr and Mize; Cox, Robinson and Hodges. Left on bases—New York 3, Brooklyn 11. Bases on balls—Off Kennedy 5, Koslo 1, Roe 2. Struck out—By Kennedy 6, Roe 11. Hits—Off Kennedy 6 in 11 innings (none out in twelfth), Koslo 2 in 1-3, Poat 1 in 1-3. Wild pitch—Kennedy. Losing pitcher—Koslo. Umpires—Goetz, Reardon and Jorda. Time of game—3:06. Attendance—35,750.

Dodgers Win 4-2, Take Over Second Place

Brooklyn, Sept. 20 (AP). — The Brooklyn Dodgers gave Hank Borowy the works in the first inning, coming up with four runs, and Preacher Roe made it stand up the rest of the way today to beat the Chicago Cubs, 4-2 and break the second place tie with the idle St. Louis Cardinals.

The victory moved the Dodgers up to within five and a half games of the front-running Boston Braves who were rained out of their game with the Cincinnati Reds.

Cliff Chambers, tall lefthander, relieved Borowy with two out in the first and pitched no-hit ball through seven innings before Carl Furillo singled in the eighth.

Chicago.	AB	H	O	A
Verban, 2b	4	1	2	1
Waitkus, 1b	4	0	6	1
Jeffcoat, cf	4	1	3	0
Pafko, 3b	4	2	1	2
Lowrey, lf	4	0	0	0
Maddern, rf	3	1	3	0
Scheffing, c	4	1	5	1
Smalley, ss	4	1	2	2
Borowy, p	0	0	0	0
Chambers, p	3	1	2	1
aMcC'lough	1	0	0	0
Totals	35	8	24	8

Brooklyn.	AB	H	O	A
Shuba, lf	3	0	2	0
Robinson, 2b	3	0	3	4
Reese, ss	4	1	1	3
H'manski, rf	4	1	5	0
Furillo, cf	4	1	0	0
Brown, 3b	2	1	3	1
Hodges, 1b	4	1	10	0
C'panella, c	2	0	3	0
Roe, p	3	0	0	1
Totals	29	5	27	9

aGrounded out for Chambers in ninth.

Chicago	000	000	011	—2
Brooklyn	400	000	00x	—4

Runs—Verban, Scheffing, Robinson, Reese, Hermanski, Brown. Runs batted in—Reese, Hermanski, Hodges, Scheffing, Pafko. Two-base hits—Reese, Hermanski, Verban. Three-base hit—Hodges. Home run—Scheffing. Stolen base—Hermanski. Left on bases—Chicago, 7; Brooklyn, 6. Base on balls—Borowy, 2; Chambers, 3. Strikeouts—Chambers, 4; Roe, 3. Hits—Borowy, 3 in 2/3; Chambers, 2 in 7 1/3. Hit by pitcher—Roe (Maddern). Loser—Borowy. Umpires—Robb, Pinelli and Gore. Time—1:52. Attendance—3103.

In This Corner...

Daily Worker
New York, N.Y.

By Bill Mardo

Leo's Life With the Dodgers

Mon. 5-24-48

IT IS COMMON GOSSIP in dark alleys, quiet crannies and dimwit shnooks—er—dimlit nooks, that Leo Durocher is about to be farmed to Beverly Hills. That's a haberdashery, son. 'Tis hinted Branch Rickey has hoisted the distress signal, and old pal that he is, Burt Shotton will come a running. A soft word, the paternal touch, an inspiring snow-white mane, that's what Brooklyn needs. To hell with the pitching.

Promise me one thing, readers. You'll not believe any of this clap-trap. Rickey doesn't work that way with Leo. To give up on his pet rehabilitation project simply because of a seven game losing streak, dissension on the club and daily chaos with the lineup would be absurd. Wouldn't it?

I mean any cursory reading of Durocher's first foul tip into the literary stands. (The Dodgers And Him, Ziff-Davis, $2.50), would remind the present bunch of crepe-hangers that there have been moments like this before on the Brooklyn ballclub, and did Rickey let Leo go? No. Will he do it now? No. Now go out there and give 'em hell, men! Grr-rrr.

If only because of Leo's current difficulties with his men, the chapter in his book dealing with the famous Dodger Mutiny of 1943 is worth re-telling. Particularly since Leo's version (or that of ghost-writer Harold Parrott) is rather romantic an interpretation. Leo and Bobo Newsom, then the club's winningest pitcher, didn't exactly look upon each other with misty-eyed fondness. Bobo felt he knew more about the pitching business than the Lip, and didn't mind backing up this opinion wtih loud words whenever Leo challenged him about a particular pitch.

One afternoon against the Pirates at Ebbets Field, Bobo threw a ball that got away from catcher Bobby Bragan and an important run came scampering over the plate. Leo thought the pitch was a spitter, something Newson heatedly denied as he came into the dugout at the end of the inning. Later that game, Bobo forgot, or wouldn't throw a crucial pitch into Vince DiMaggio's weakness and Vince singled in the tie-breaking run. When Durocher asked Bobo about the pitch in the clubhouse after the game, which the Dodgers won anyway, Bobo and he went at it hot and heavy again.

Now, according to the Durocher version, Leo was unaware that a reporter was nearby when he told Hugh Casey that Newson was through on the ballclub for histrionics displayed on the hill when his pitch got away from Bragan. **"That's one thing I won't stand for—showing a youngster up, out there on the field,"** Leo quotes himself as saying to Casey, while that scribe secretively skulked in the background.

The Worker

Anyway, there was hell to pay when the rest of the team read the next day that Durocher had aired the team's dirty wash to the press. Leo, in the book, insists he never gave the writer (Tim Cohane, ex-World Telly scribe) any such interview, but that he had simply been "overheard." Vaughan, Walker, and practically the rest of the team would not take to the diamond that day until, according to Durocher, he explained about having been overheard.

The book's version is a piece of fiction for which Tim Cohane has threatened the publishers with suit. What really happened was that Durocher did give Cohane the story on Newson and tried to deny it when his players blew their tops. Cohane made Leo fess up, in front of his players, and only then did the mutineers get into uniform, still mad as hell about the story breaking print, but satisfied, at least, that they had gotten the truth out of the situation.

New York, N.Y.

ASIDE FROM the juggling of facts in the Newson story, there's enough in the book to make it worth any Dodger fan's $2.50. If only to give the layman an idea of the man MacPhail, the book is worth the bite on it. You have read here, and in countless other columns, the endless argument against MacPhail. He's this, that, and the other thing. But the sheer obn[illegible]ousness of the man comes through vividly in some of the book's behind-the-scenes stuff wherein Leo reveals his dealings with the Ranting Redhead who was club president preceding Rickey.

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There's a lot of other interesting stuff in the book. . . . Leo's fight with Ruth when the Babe was coaching at Brooklyn . . . the difficulties with Mungo . . . and so on. There is a rather casual semi-amused interpretation of that afternoon at Bear Mountain in 1945, when the Daily Worker and People's Voice brought up two Negro players to the Dodger spring camp for tryouts. Although, in all fairness, it should be remembered that Durocher, long before Jackie Robinson was ever signed by Montreal, spoke out favorably on the idea of ending baseball Jimcrow. Leo pays real tribute to Robbie's ability in the book, and his sentiment that "a player is as good as his performance, not as his religion, his color, or what he prefers for breakfast," is something for seven other National League front-office men to digest.

Incidentally, there's an amusing few lines in the book which would probably have never been written if Leo (and/or Parrott) could have fortold the future. Discussing the '44 season when the Dodgers lost 15 straight, Leo says: **"We continued to shuffle the lineup. This inspired a lot of criticism of me in the press."**

How history can repeat itself!

Tom Meany:

PM

Insecurity Cause Of Durocher Panic?

New York, N.Y.
Sun. 5-16-48

If anybody is wondering whether Leo Durocher has the "new look" the answer is yes, but it's one which doesn't become him. The Dodger manager, unjustly, or at least unexplainedly, banished from baseball for 1947, was supposed to return wearing sackcloth and ashes. Instead, he picked tinsel as the garment most appropriate.

Durocher came back from the West panicky. The blasting reception his book rceeived merely added to his uncertainties. He has nine players to unload between now and Thursday and hasn't the faintest idea of which ones will be salted away in the minors for further seasoning.

Branch Rickey once declared over a nationwide broadcast that he never saw a manager who could do as much with 25 men in a game which required only nine as Durocher. This was within a day or two after Happy Chandler put Leo in the jug. I don't know if Leo heard the broadcast or not but he acts as though it were a command, rather than a compliment.

Let's Future Go Hang

PM

Durocher is a manager of expediency. He has kept the Dodgers in the thick of the pennant fight in every season, with one exception (1944), by making moves on hunches and letting the future go hang. He can't husband his strength, any more than he could refrain from raising a pot with a pair wired back to back.

Hugh Casey, for instance, is a perfect example of the current manipulations of Durocher. Barney Shotton, the only manager in baseball who ever won a pennant as a favor to a friend, made extremely judicious use of Casey last year. The big right-hander never was sent in to relieve before the seventh inning. Durocher is likely to call on Casey in the fourth or fifth if he thinks Hugh is the man who can quell the riot.

New York, N.Y.

Insecurity Behind Current Panic

Sun. 5-16-48

Admitting the inherent impatience of Durocher's nature, what's behind his current panic? It might generally be summed up as insecurity. He knows the spot he is on, his return from exile, the calm, efficient and effective job Shotton did in his absence last year. Right now Leo doesn't know whether the players are for him, whether the press and fans are for him, or, indeed, whether Rickey is for him. He feels he must win to justify his existence—but in a hurry.

PM

If Leo were to stop and take stock of his days as a player with the Cardinals, he would realize that the problem he is facing right now, his problem with the ball club not his personal ones, is the same one which confronted his old boss, Frankie Frisch, the Chesterfieldian radio announcer. It means that, because of the genius of Rickey in corraling baseball talent, the first six weeks of every season amount to little more than a shake-down cruise.

New York, N.Y.

Public Relations At Rock Bottom

Sun

The current panic and inability of Durocher could be quickly quelled if Rickey would reassure Durocher that the job is his for 1949. Leo is completely bewildered, doesn't know whether he is coming or going. His public relatione have deteriorated to almost zero. If Rickey were to tell him that the job is his. Durocher could direct the club without the uneasy feeling that he is running a team with somebody looking over his shoulder, somebody who will have the job next year, that is.

Those who have a financial stake in the Dodgers—John L. Smith, Walter O'Malley and, especially, George V. McLaughlin—might do well to sit down with Rickey and discuss the advisability of telling Leo that he's the manager next year, too. It would take some of the pressure off Durocher, who seems headed for a serious case of the "bends" right now. 5-16-48

INDIANS SPLIT, LARRY DOBY HURT

Daily Worker ?
New York, N.Y.

CLEVELAND, June 27 (UP).—Cleveland slugged back to earn an even split and keep the league lead today in a double-header with Washington before 35,980, the Indians winning the second, 4 to 1, on homers by Allie Clark and Joe Gordon and Washington winning the first, 5 to 2.

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The day was a costly one for the Indians in that they lost the services of Larry Doby, their rising Negro star. Doby sprained his right ankle sliding into second base in the first game and will be out for 10 days. 6-28-48

BROOKLYN BEATEN BY ST. LOUIS, 6 TO 4

The Times

Brazle of Cards, With Help of Wilks, Wins as Rain and Darkness Shorten Game

New York, N.Y.

By ROSCOE McGOWEN

As if the Cardinals weren't tough enough, the Dodgers yesterday had to cope with darkness and rain—and they lost on all counts.

Darkness, which enveloped the field at 5 o'clock, and a downpour that followed ten minutes later, gave the Cards an eight-inning triumph by the score of 6—4. Even this curtailed affair required nearly three hours because of bad play by both teams and ineffective Dodger pitching.

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The Cardinals got in their ninth-inning licks, during which they scored another run and almost drove Willie Ramsdell, Leo Durocher's fourth pitcher, to cover. This frame, including a pinch double by Ron Northey, was washed off the records, which was a bad break for Northey but was accepted by Ramsdell without regret. 6-28-48

Two Errors Costly

Preacher Roe and Al Brazle were the starting pitchers, but Roe didn't survive the second inning, wherein the Redbirds scored three runs—two unearned because of errors by Pee Wee Reese and Marvin Rackley.

Rex Barney replaced Roe in the second and Slats Marion added two more tallies in the fifth when he belted his third homer of the campaign into the lower left field stands in the wake of a single by Ralph Lapointe.

Stan Musial took personal charge of the sixth run when he greeted Paul Minner's first pitch of the seventh inning with a lofty drive into Bedford Avenue for his seventeenth four-master of the season and his second in two games.

The Brooks blew all sorts of opportunities, especially in the second, fourth and seventh, when double plays killed promising rallies.

One Run in Fourth

They got one run in the fourth on solid singles by Jackie Robinson and Gil Hodges, ~~with an in~~tervening bunt single by Reese, but Bruce Edwards, batting for Don Lund, slapped the first pitch into a double play. 6-28-48

In the sixth, with two out, Hodges whacked Brazle's third pitch deep into the lower left field stands above the 351-foot sign for his seventh homer.

Then, in the seventh, the Dodgers seemed really on their way when Eddie Miksis led off with a single to left and all hands were safe when Marion took Bobby Bragan's grounder and threw wildly to second. Bragan was batting for Minner. Erv Palica ran for Bobby and Backley lined a single to right center over Lapointe's head to drive in one run and send Brazle away. The Times

Pistol Pete Returns

Ted Wilks replaced Brazle and a tremendous roar came from the 22,871 fans when Pistol Pete Reiser, absent from action since May 22, was announced as batting for Bill Cox.

But the roar was of short duration, for Pete rifled the first pitch straight to Marion, who had only to take two steps to the bag and fire the ball to first for a double play. Palica scored but Robinson ended the inning with another grounder to Marion.

That was the last gasp for the Brooks, Wilks stopping them easily in the eighth, and the elements took care of the ninth.

Brazle achieved his fifth triumph against three setbacks, with two of his victories over the Brooks. Roe's record now is three and four. New York, N.Y.

Average Cut to .405

Musial, poor fellow, had his batting average cut to .405, what with making only one home run in four times at bat. Ramstell struck him out in the ninth but that one doesn't count.

Northey, Erv Dusak and Joe Garagiola are three Cards who don't appear in the box score, but all were in that washed-out ninth inning. Mon. 6-28-48

Home run figures, for and against the Dodgers, may tell something. Their pitchers have al-

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Doby Sprains Ankle and Will Be Out 10 Days; Cleveland Holds Lead

Herald Tribune

CLEVELAND, June 27 (AP).—Home runs by Allie Clark and Joe Gordon enabled the Cleveland Indians to defeat the Washington Nationals, 4 to 1, today and split a double-header before 35,980 fans.

That mean the Indians retained their slender lead in the American League race. Washington took the opener, 5 to 2. New York, N.Y.

The nightcap was the second straight for Sam Zoldak, ex-St. Louis Brown pitcher, since the slipped into a Cleveland uniform. He allotted the Senators seven spaced hits. 6-28-48

Cleveland's big inning in that one was the first. Mon.

Dale Mitchell led off with a single and Lou Boudreau shot out another. Then Clark scored three runs with his third home run of the season and Gordon followed up with his tweltfh round-tripper into the left-field stands.

Al Kozar scored Washington's single run by doubling, then running home on a single by Gillenwater and Dale Mitchell's error.

In the first game Washington bunched two-run tallies in the sixth and seventh innings and beat Gene Bearden. Mark Christman's triple and Ed Stewart's double did the trick.

Cleveland's Negro center fielder, Larry Doby, injured his right foot sliding into second base in the sixth inning of tha tcontest and was carried off the diamond in a stretcher. Later Tribe officials said X-rays showed it was a sprain and that he would be unable to play for about ten days. They said he would not make the trip to Detroit.

FIRST GAME

WASHINGTON (A. L.)	ab	r	h	po	a
Yost 3b	4	0	1	2	1
Kozar 2b	4	1	2	0	3
Gillenw'er cf.	4	1	1	1	0
Coan lf	1	0	0	0	0
McBride lf	2	1	1	2	0
Stewart lf-rf.	2	0	1	1	0
Vernon 1b	3	1	1	12	0
Wooten rf-cf.	3	0	0	5	0
Christman ss.	3	0	1	2	1
Sullivan ss	0	0	0	0	1
Evans c	3	0	1	2	0
Scarbor'gh p.	2	1	1	0	1
Thompson p.	0	0	0	0	0
Ferrick p	2	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	5	10	27	7

CLEVELAND (A. L.)	ab	r	h	po	a
Mitchell lf	5	0	0	3	0
Doby cf	3	0	1	4	1
Tucker cf	1	0	0	1	1
Boudreau ss.	4	0	1	3	3
Edwards rf	2	0	0	1	0
Clark rf	1	0	0	0	0
Gordon 2b	4	0	0	0	0
Keltner 3b	3	1	0	0	2
Robinson 1b.	4	0	1	8	0
Hegan c	2	0	1	6	1
*Beck	1	1	1	0	0
Tipton c	1	0	1	1	1
Beardon p	2	0	0	0	0
Christopher p	0	0	0	0	0
†Judnich	1	0	1	0	0
Gromek p	0	0	0	0	0
‡Berardino	1	0	1	0	0
Totals	35	2	8	27	9

*Batted for Hegan in seventh and doubled.
†Batted for Christopher in seventh and doubled. Herald Tribune
‡Batted for Gromek in ninth and doubled.

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Cleveland	000	010	100	—2

Error—Bearden. Runs batted in—McBride, Hegan, Christman 2, Stewart 2, Judnich. Two-base hits—Gillenwater, Stewart, Peck, Judnich, Berardino. Three-base hit—Chrstman. Sacrifices—Yost, Christman. Double play—Tucker and Boudreau. Left on bases—Washington 8, Cleveland 8. Bases on balls—Scarborough 1, Bearden 2, Thompson 1, Gromek 2. Strikeouts—Bearden 3, Scarborough 1, Christopher 1, Ferrick 1, Gromek 1. Hits—Scarborough, 3 in 4⅓ innings; Thompson, 1 in 1; Ferrick, 4 in 3⅔; Bearden, 9 in 6⅔; Christopher, 1 in ⅓; Gromek, 0 in 2. Hit by pitcher—Gromek (Wooten). Wild pitch—Bearden. Winning pitcher—Thompson. Losing pitcher—Bearden. Time—2:29. New York, N.Y.

SECOND GAME

WASHINGTON (A. L.)	ab	r	h	po	a
Yost 3b	3	0	0	3	0
Kozar 2b	4	1	1	2	3
Gillenw'er cf.	3	0	2	2	0
McBride lf	4	0	1	3	0
Vernon 1b	4	0	0	7	0
Wooten rf	4	0	0	2	0
Christman ss.	4	0	1	2	3
Evans c	3	0	2	3	1
Haefner p	0	0	0	0	0
*Wynn	1	0	0	0	0
Candini p	1	0	0	0	0
†Sullivan	1	0	0	0	0
Welteroth p.	0	0	0	0	0
‡Stewart	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	1	7	24	7

CLEVELAND (A. L.)	ab	r	h	po	a
Mitchell lf	3	1	2	0	0
Tucker cf	4	0	1	3	0
Boudreau ss.	3	1	2	4	4
Clark rf	4	1	1	3	0
Gordon 2b	4	1	2	5	5
Keltner 3b	4	0	0	1	5
Berardino 1b.	3	0	0	10	2
Tipton c	3	0	0	1	0
Zoldak p	3	0	1	0	0
Totals	31	4	9	27	16

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*Batted for Haefner in second, grounded out.
†Batted for Candini in sixth, grounded out.
‡Batted for Welteroth in ninth, popped out.

Washington	001	000	000	—1
Cleveland	400	000	000	—4

Errors—Mitchell, Tipton. Runs batted in—Clark 3, Gordon. Two-base hit—Kozar. Home runs—Clark, Gordon. Stolen base—Gillenwater. Double plays—Boudreau, Gordon and Berardino; Christman, Kozar and Vernon. Left on bases—Washington 8, Cleveland 7. Bases on balls—Zoldak 3, Haefner 1, Candini 2, Welteroth 1. Hits—Off Haefner, 4 in 1 inning; off Candini, 4 in 5; Welteroth, 1 in 2. Losing pitcher—Haefner. Time—1:58. Attendance—35,980.

Four Cardinals Dominate All-Star Game Balloting

By The Associated Press.

CHICAGO, June 27—The Cardinals have four players in leading positions for the National League starting line-up of the All Star baseball game.

Three Cardinals hold first place in the position battles. Stan Musial heads the left fielders—far ahead of Pittsburgh's Ralph Kiner—with 323,716 votes. Red Schoendienst leads for second base with 278,883 and Enos Slaughter is No. 1 in right field with 298,106.

Martin Marion is running second to Brooklyn's Pee Wee Reese for the starting shortstop job. Reese has polled 284,404 votes to 270,845 for Marion.

BRANCA OF DODGERS OPPOSES THE PHILS

The Times

Ralph Drives Across Run for Brooks in Second Inning With a Sizzling Liner

New York, N.Y.

By JOSEPH M. SHEEHAN

Pistol Pete Reiser and Bruce Edwards were back in Brooklyn's starting line-up, with Gil Hodges making his debut at first base and Jackie Robinson at second in place of Eddie Miksis, last night as the Dodgers opposed the Phillies before a gathering of some 20,000 spectators at Ebbets Field. Wed.

The Dodgers led, 1 to 0, after five innings. 6-30-48

Manager Leo Durocher was hopeful that the return of Reiser and Edwards, both of whom have spent most of the season under the care of the medicos, would supply the Brooks with the batting punch that has been sadly lacking of late.

In quest of his eighth straight triumph, Ralph Branca took the mound for the Dodgers. The towering right-hander from Mount Vernon had an over-all record of nine and five. His pitching opponent was Sylvester (Blix) Donnelly. The Philadelphia veteran had a season's mark of three victories and four defeats.

Each side put a man on base without scoring in the first inning. Ritchie Ashbuen opened the game for Philadelphia by working a pass. He advanced a notch on Emil Verban's sacrifice bunt and reached third on Bama Rowell's fly to right, but died there when Branca fanned Bert Haas.

Reiser Steals Second

The Times

After Marvin Rackley and Robinson had flied out, Reiser drew a base on balls. Showing his old-time speed, he stole second cleanly and went around to third when Andy Seminick's belated throw sailed into centerfield. However, Donnelly duplicated Branca's achievement under similar circumstances and struck out Edwards.

The Dodgers scored once in the second and it was Branca who drove in the run. Coming up with Pee Wee Reese, who had singled, and Hodges, who had walked, on first and second, big Ralph blasted a sizzling liner to left. It dropped in front of Rowell for a single and Reese scurried home.

At the end of the third inning, the Phillies still were looking for their first hit off Branca. Edwards tripled off the centerfield wall in the Dodger half of the third but there were two out at the time and Carl Furillo left the catcher stranded.

A clean single over second by Verban ended Branca's hitless string in the fourth but a double play subsequently voided this blow. The Phillies also engineered a twin killing in this frame after Reese led off with a walk. New York, N.Y.

Bragan Goes to Fort Worth

Brooklyn yesterday announced the release of Bobby Bragan to Fort Worth of the Texas League. The capable bullpen catcher will serve as playing manager of that Dodger farm. Wed.

With outfielder Don Lund sold to the St. Louis Browns, the Dodger roster is down to 23 players. The expectation is that Catcher Roy Campanella will be brought up from St. Paul and Outfielder Duke Snider recalled from Montreal. 6-30-48

The line-up:

PHILADELPHIA (N.)	BROOKLYN (N.)
Ashburn, cf	Rackley, rf
Verban, 2b	Robinson, 2b
Rowell, lf	Reiser, lf
Haas, 3b	Edwards, c
Ennis, rf	Furillo, cf
Sisler, 1b	Reese, ss
Miller, ss	Hodges, 1b
Seminick, c	Cox, 3b
Donnelly, p	Branca, p

Umpires—Gore, Pinelli and Robb.

Rowe Scores 4-2 Victory Over Flock

Star
New York, N.Y.
Fri. 7-2-48

By John Wentworth

The Dodgers' Branch Rickey puts the emphasis on youth in his baseball empire and wants as little to do with old timers as possible. After what happened in the series with the Phils which ended at Ebbets Field yesterday, you can hardly blame him.

The point is, however, that the old timers who added to his woes in this case were with the Phils. Yesterday it was 36-year-old Schoolboy Rowe, who pitched a nifty eight-hitter for a 4-2 victory which gave the visitors a sweep of the three-game series.

It was the fifth straight loss for the Brooks, and while Leo Durocher is brooding over matters he faces the prospect of facing the power laden Giants in the Brooklyn park tonight.

Age Pays Off

Victors in the other two games for the Phils were the veterans Blix Donnelly and Dutch Leonard. Tack their combined ages onto Rowe's and you get 107. Leonard is 38 and Donnelly 33. Fri.

Rowe was in fine form yesterday as he walked only one man and was in trouble only in the fourth and sixth, when he gave up the only Brooklyn runs. 7-2-48

Jackie Robinson, who went hitless after connecting in nine straight games, drew the only Rowe pass to lead off the fourth, went to second as Emil Verban booted Pete Reiser's grounder and crossed the plate on a single by Bruce Edwards.

In the sixth, Reiser doubled high off the right field screen and came in on a double to left by Carl Furillo.

Hank Behrman, who loves Montreal but doesn't look out of place in Brooklyn, started for the Dodgers and gave up eight hits and three runs before being relieved for a pinch-hitter in the seventh.

Phils Peck Away

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In the third Eddie Miller got to Hank for a single, went to second as Andy Seminick grounded out and scored on a single by Richie Ashburn. Bama Rowell smacked a Behrman offering for a double in the fourth, and after the big right-hander got the next two men and gave Dick Sisler an intentional pass Miller drove in run number two with a single to left. Seminick then smacked another single to drive in Sisler with what proved to be the winning run. New York, N.Y.

Joe Hatten came in to pitch for the Brooks in the eighth, but quickly ran into trouble. Bert Haas, the second man up, got a cheap double on a drive to left which Reiser fielded poorly and after Del Ennis was put on, Sisler bounced a double off the right field wall to bring in the final run of the game. Fri.

The Sisler blow finished Hatten and Rex Barney blanked Ben Chapman's help the rest of the way.

Reese made a beautiful play on Haas in the fourth. After a diving stop, he threw him out while on one knee . . . Miller also came up with a beauty on a hit by Reese in the sixth. It cost the Dodgers a run as Furillo was on second and would have scored easily had the ball gotten through . . . It was Rowe's fourth win against three defeats . . . Only 5602 paid their way in, but ladies and knotholers brought the crowd up to 13,917 . . . Roy Campanella and George Shuba are due to be in Dodger uniforms tonight . . . No hits for Hodges in his last 11 times at bat.

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Dodgers

Rickey's Speech Ignites Denials

News

Birmingham Ala.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18—(AP)—Baseball's newest controversy—touched off by Brooklyn Branch Rickey's charges that the other 15 big league clubs voted to bar Negroes from the majors—took on the complexion of the old button game today. Everybody was asking:

Documents documents, who's got the documents?

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The Dodger head man flew into town from Chicago shortly before midnight and refused to retreat in the face of a round of denials from top baseball men.

"The best evidence is the documents themselves," Rickey said. "Everybody knows about the documents and what were in them."

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THE BROOKLYN BOSS said copies of a resolution to bar Negro players—adopted unanimously, he declared, by a joint major league meeting, Brooklyn excepted—were taken back after the vote.

"You can't find a copy of that report anywhere," he said earlier. "I've tried to get a copy, but league officials tell me all were destroyed."

Several major league club executives insisted no such papers ever existed.

Alva Bradley, former president of the Cleveland Indians, declared:

"As a matter of fact, I was the chairman of that meeting and we never discussed the subject."

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RICKEY MADE HIS CHARGES in a speech, Monday night, at the annual football dinner of Wilberforce (Ohio) State University, a Negro institution.

He related that the meeting in question took place shortly after he signed Jackie Robinson, the Negro rookie star of 1947, but before Robinson had played a game.

He said copies of a resolution were handed out which read: "However well intentioned, the use of Negro players would hazard all the physical properties of baseball."

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"I sat silent while the other 15 clubs approved it" Rickey added in his speech.

FORD FRICK, president of the National League, declined to say anything on the matter. Will Harridge, head of the American League, couldn' be reached in Miami Beach, Fla., where he is vacationing.

But the Rickey charges provoked stout comebacks from other sources.

P. K. Wrigley, owner of the Chicago Cubs, said "No such vote was ever taken."

Warren Giles, president of the Cincinnati Reds, declared he didn't recall such action and added: "I don't recall a meeting I missed."

Other denials were voiced by Roy Mack, vice president of the Philadelphia Athletics; John Quinn, general manager of the Boston Braves, and Joe Cronin, general manager of the Boston Red Sox.

MacPhail Enters 'Battle' Crying 'Rickey's Lying'

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Sat. 2-21-48

NEW YORK, Feb. 21—(AP)—Larry MacPhail and Branch Rickey were embroiled today in a sizzling wordfest concerning the admittance of Negro players into major league baseball.

MacPhail, former New York Yankees co-owner, said crisply that Rickey "was lying" if he claimed 15 big league clubs had opposed entry of Negroes into the majors.

Rickey, president of the Brooklyn Dodgers, replied that MacPhail's statement, released in Miami Beach, Fla., contained "distortions, untruths and inventions."

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Both have mixed it before in baseball matters.

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IT ALL BEGAN last Monday night when Rickey addressed the annual football dinner of Wilberforce University.

The Dodger boss told his listeners at the Ohio Negro University that after he had signed Jackie Robinson a joint major league meeting adopted a report declaring "the use of Negro players would hazard all the physical properties of baseball." The meeting was in Chicago in the fall of 1946.

MacPhail was chairman of the joint major league policy committee at the time. He said that former baseball associates felt he should reply to the Dodger president's claims.

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"In view of the fact that Rickey has charged every official in the major leagues except Rickey with dishonesty, I am glad to comply," MacPhail declared.

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RICKEY SAID AT Wilberforce that 15 clubs, but not Brooklyn, adopted the report against Negroes, and that league officials said later the report was destroyed.

In his Miami Beach statement, MacPhail said:

"1. Rickey was lying if and when he said the committee recommended that Negro players be barred from Major League baseball.

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"2. Rickey was lying if and when he said that 15 Major League clubs (all except Brooklyn) voted to approve any such recommendation or took any action of any kind to prevent Rickey or any other club owner from signing Negro players.

"3. Rickey was lying if and when he said that copies of the committee's report wre collected to destroy evidence of some recommendation or proposal having to do with the participation of Negroes in the Major Leagues."

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THE ERSTWHILE Yankee president and treasurer, who sold his club holdings after the Yanks won the 1947 World Series said:

"The printed reports were collected at the request of the commissioner (Chandler) because they contained a criticism of the commissioner, written by me, which the commissioner felt was unfair and not constructive."

MacPhail said the committee agreed to delete these portions, collected the reports, and made one revised copy.

"That report as originally written, and as revised, is and has always been in my possession."

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MacPHAIL SAID THAT in 1945 he and Rickey had been appointed to study the Negro problem.

"He ducked the issue, and never submitted any recommendations of any kind to either major league," MacPhail said. "Rickey's conscience apparently was not bothering him then."

MacPhail said he conferred with Negro baseball men and educators, sent a report to the leagues and the press, recommending:

"That the major leagues take action to strengthen the Negro leagues; that the Negro leagues be required to put their house in order and then be admitted to organized baseball; that Negro players of character and ability be selected from the Negro leagues by such clubs as desired to select them under a system similar to the minor league draft. . . ."

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THE REPORT WAS published, MacPhail said, before Rickey signed Robinson "to a contract calling for less money than Robinson made in the Negro leagues."

MacPhail said that even then Rickey had scouts hunting for Negro talent.

"In spite of the fact that he had accepted an appointment by the major leagues to study this problem and report his findings, he double-crossed his associates for his own personal advantage, raided the Negro leagues, and took players without adequately compensating them for the players he took.

"Rickey was not kidding anyone in baseball with all that bunk about his conscience then."

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MacPHAIL SAID THE MATTER of Negro participation in major and minor league ball still was a problem, but could be solved with honest cooperation.

Apprised of the ex-Yankee president's statement, Rickey at first declined comment. Later he said, through Harold Parrott, Dodger road secretary:

"No statement in the Wilberforce address or the press release at the Dodger-Argosy luncheon has been denied in whole or in part by these typically MacPhailian distortions, untruths and inventions.

"They are unworthy of further comment."

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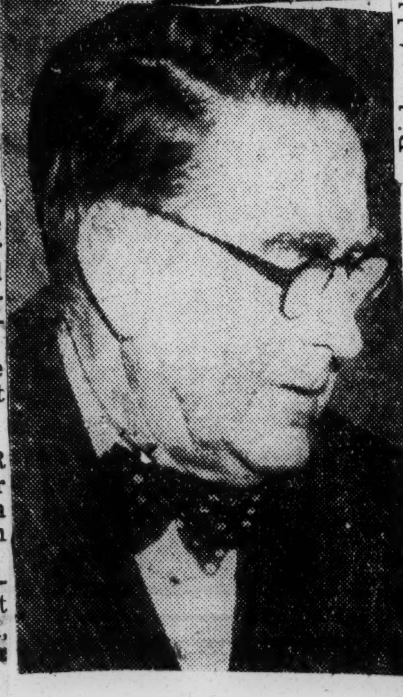

RICKEY-MacPHAIL SQUABBLE —The old feud between Larry MacPhail (top) and Branch Rickey (bottom) flared again yesterday when the ex-president of the New York Yankees stated "Rickey lied" in a speech recently concerning Negro participation in organized baseball.

Rickey refused to comment on his ex-lieutenant's long statement.

The last time the two colorful feudists fought verbally, Baseball Czar Happy Chandler kicked Leo Durocher, a seemingly innocent bystander, out of baseball for a year.

Rickey Surprised At Publicity Given Wilberforce Speech

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Montgomery Ala.

By JACK HAND

BROOKLYN, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Branch Rickey tried to square himself with the rest of baseball today. The Brooklyn Dodgers president is surprised at the unforeseen interpretations of his Wilberforce University talk Monday when he disclosed major league action in 1946 against signing Negro players.

As Rickey put it in a brief news conference after a luncheon meeting, his Wilberforce (Ohio) address has resulted in "interpretations not intended and certainly not foreseen."

Rickey told his Ohio listeners, in an address given Monday at the annual football banquet of the Negro school, that the majors voted to oppose signing of Negro players. He said they approved a statement reading, in effect, "hiring a Negro in professional baseball was jeopardizing the investment of the owners."

"It didn't occur to me Monday night that it was a news item," Rickey said today. "I thought it would be a delightful thing for them (the students at Wilberforce) to know that there now is a recognition of the Negro in baseball. I didn't feel that I made any accusation then and I don't now."

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Several club officials commented after Rickey's original speech that they did not recall taking any such action. Rickey agreed that they probably were correct.

"The report covered perhaps as many as 20 or more pages and the Negro reference not more than half a page." he said. "I am told that many members of the leagues who were present do not remember the reference to this matter. Anyone who makes this statement is to be fully believed. I can understand that other people would not attribute the same importance to the subject that I did . . ."

Rickey said there were 35 or 40 men present at the special joint meeting in the Blackstone Hotel in Chicago, September, 1946, when the vote was taken. There was not a dissenting vote with Rickey remaining silent.

"I suppose I should have protested," he said. "I was simply shocked to hear it read. Immediately a vote was taken to approve the entire report. I didn't vote at all. I choose to think that very few of those 35 or 40 gentlemen knew of that paragraph before it was read." Thur. 2-19-48

Efforts by Rickey to locate a copy of the reference to Negro players have been unsuccessful, he said. But he added, "in the light of further information since my address at Wilberforce, I understand fully that there were other reasons than the so-called Negro reference for removing the report from publicity."

Rickey said there had been other instances of the majors destroying reports that they believed should not be publicized.

"The purpose of the reference (at Wilberforce)," Rickey said, "and the sole purpose of it, was to show the transitional attitude toward the hiring of Negro players in the short period of something more than a year."

When Rickey signed Jackie Robinson for Montreal in the winter of 1945-46 he was the only Negro in organized ball. Last year with Robinson playing first base for Brooklyn, there were others in the majors. Cleveland had Larry Doby and the St. Louis Browns hired and later fired two Negro players.

"I wish very much to say," Rickey said in a typewritten statement to the press, "that no club owner in the American or National League, with one exception, has ever protested to me personally the signing of Jackie Robinson by the Brooklyn club and several have expressed approval."

Later under questioning Rickey added, "I believe today not a single place in the National or American League is not open to a Negro baseball player."

He refused to discuss the lone exception in his original statement. Nor would he name the man who read the report in question at the 1946 joint meeting.

There still remained questions in the minds of some baseball men why Rickey waited until 17 months after the Chicago meeting to bring the Negro story into the open.

MR. RICKEY'S SKELETON

Times

Something of a storm in the sports world has been stirred up this week by the remarks of Branch Rickey, president of the Brooklyn Dodgers, of the National Baseball League, concerning the former attitude of his fellow baseball officials toward the use of Negro players. Whatever the intention of Mr. Rickey in rattling this skeleton, some facts of the situation in baseball are incontrovertible. The most important fact is that Mr. Rickey did sign and did play a Negro—Jackie Robinson—on the Dodgers last year. In doing this he did break down a barrier that had existed. Whether the other major league baseball owners were or were not unanimously opposed to such a step two years ago seems relatively unimportant. New York, N.Y. Attitudes have changed. Negro players of ability are now being sought out. That was the point Mr. Rickey said he had intended to emphasize in his talk at Wilberforce College the other night. Robinson has made good on the basis of his ability alone, which is the way he wanted it, which is the way Mr. Rickey wanted it and which is the way it should be.

We should like to think that what has happened in baseball could be duplicated elsewhere if there were enough leaders with strong convictions to do what Mr. Rickey did in baseball. The greatest strength of any shibboleth is its antiquity, which often continues to exist only in the minds of the timorous. That was the case with baseball. It could be true in many other places.

Sun. 2-22-48

Speech Was Meant To Show Change In Attitude

PM New York, N.Y.

Thurs. 2-19-48

By Heywood Hale Broun

Despite the shot and shell whistling around his head, Branch Rickey is sticking to the story that his fellow owners made an organized effort to keep Negroes, and specifically Jackie Robinson, out of baseball. Branch wishes, however, that the boys would stop shooting.

Speaking at a luncheon yesterday, Rickey said his speech at Wilberforce University Monday night was correctly quoted but that it "has resulted in interpretation not intended and certainly not forseen."

Reading from a prepared statement, Rickey went on to say that the anti-Negro resolution to which he referred was part of a long report and that if any executive said he didn't remember this point, he "is to be fully believed." [illegible]

Not as Important To Others

PM

"I can understand," said Rickey "that other people would not attribute the same importance to the subject that I did." New York, N.Y.

According to reports of Rickey's speech at Wilberforce, the Brooklyn president said that a resolution was taken stating that the hiring of Negroes would jeopardize the entire investment of the baseball owners and that this resolution, part of a long report, was approved by 15 major league owners. Rickey himself did not vote. Thurs.

Rickey at first said that the meeting was held in April of 1945, but amended this to September, 1946. The meeting to which he apparently has reference is the joint major league affairs held in Chicago Aug. 27 and 28, 1946. 2-19-48

Half Page on Negro Question

PM

He said that the whole report covered more than 20 pages, of which half a page was devoted to the Negro question. Reports of the meeting reveal that the report dealt with such matters as the $5000 minimum salary, extension of Fall barnstorming, expense money for Spring training, the extension of the release period from 10 to 60 days and all the concessions made to the players in an effort to keep them from joining Robert Murphy's union. The report actually ran to more than 40 pages. New York, N.Y.

Following his plan of trying to square himself with his fellow executive, Rickey was extremely vague as to what went on in the meeting (a 90-minute session) and who was the moving spirit behind the Negro resolution. 2-19-48

The report as a whole was the work of a policy committee headed by Larry MacPhail and numbering league Presidents Frick and Harridge, Tom Yawkey of the Red Sox, Phil Wrigley of the Cubs and Sam Breadon of the Cardinals among its members. Leslie O'Connor of the White Sox was an ex-officio member. Whether one of these wrote the resolution is not known.

O'Connor said yesterday that no such resolution had ever been made. Wrigley said he couldn't recall any such action being taken, while Frick and Breadon said, "No comment." The others have not been heard from. PM

Rickey said the reason he mentioned the matter two years after its occurrence was to show the Negro students at Wilberforce how quickly an attitude can change. He said that he thought there was now no club which would not give a Negro ballplayer a chance. He said further that only one owner personally protested the signing of Robinson, but he would not give the owner's name. Thurs.

Rickey didn't recall whether Commissioner Chandler was present at the meeting, although the report at the time indicates he was. New York, N.Y.

A complication is that there is no record of the resolution. Rickey said he tried to get one and is convinced that all copies were destroyed. He said this often happened to secret resolutions.

Last night there was a rumor that the whole matter might not be allowed to drop. The House Un-American Activities Committee is said to be interested in Rickey's charge. 2-19-48

Club Owners Say No Action Was Taken on Matter

PM New York, N.Y.

Wed 2-18-48

By United Press

CHICAGO

A United Press survey of major league baseball club owners showed mixed reaction last night to the statement of Branch Rickey that the owners had made a concerted effort to keep Negroes out of organized baseball.

Some denied it, others had no comment and some failed to recall the meeting to which Rickey referred.

Rickey said in a speech at Wilberforce State University, a Negro institution at Wilberforce, O., Monday night that major league club owners at a meeting in Cleveland on April 26, 1945, adopted a resolution opposing the introduction of Negroes in the sport on the grounds that it would jeopardize organized baseball's entire investment.

Chose Chandler At Meeting

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It was the same meeting at which the club owners chose Happy Chandler, then a U. S. Senator from Kentucky, as Commissioner of Baseball to succeed the late K. M. Landis. New York, N.Y.

Chandler had his usual "no comment" on the Rickey statement.

Many of the club's owners denied Rickey's statement, however.

One of the most forthright in his denial was Alva Bradley, then owner of the Cleveland Indians.

He said it was "untrue" that major league owners ever adopted a statement opposing entry of Negro players in the majors. [illegible]

Doesn't Recall Stand

PM New York, N.Y.

"Major league owners would never be unwise enough to do a thing like that," Bradley declared at Cleveland, adding that he had "no recollection" of any such stand.

"In 1945," he pointed out, "there was only one Negro player even mentioned as being of major league caliber. That was the pitcher, Satchel Paige, and he was making more money on the outside than he ever could have in organized big league baseball. I don't think Paige would even have considered coming in." Wed 2-18-48

Bradley in Chair At Meeting

Rickey said that at the time the action was taken the club owners knew that he was spending $25,000 a year scouting Negro players. He did not sign Jackie Robinson for his Montreal farm club until October, 1945. Wed.

Bradley was chairman at the Cleveland meeting, which he said was called "solely to pick a new Commissioner of Baseball."

Rickey said the resolution was prepared and read by one of baseball's top men. 2-18-48

"The only statement I read at the meeting was one concerning the choice of a new Commissioner," Bradley added. "There was no mention in any of my statements of the Negro question."

He said that two days after the meeting, he received a letter from Rickey calling his attention to the Quinn-Ives Law relating to prevention and elimination of discrimination in employment.

Bradley said that Rickey wrote that he sent the letter "because it occurred to me you might be interested in this." Bradley acknowledged the letter the next day and said he thanked Rickey "but I still didn't know why he thought it necessary to point the subject out to me."

'Rickey Will Say Anything'

"Rickey is liable to say anything," Bradley concluded. "This is not surprising."

"Never heard of it at all," was the answer of Roy Mack of the Philadelphia Athletics, who said he was at the meeting "as I attend them all." PM

"I can't remember anyone bringing it up," Mack said. "It may have been someone's opinion, but it would be the individual team's concern." New York, N.Y.

Bob Carpenter of the Phillies said he probably was still in the Army at the time but that the late Herb Pennock, his general manager who attended the meeting, never reported anything like it to him. Wed 2-18-48

"I never heard about it and care less about it," Carpenter said.

Phil Wrigley of the Chicago Cubs said he couldn't remember adopting any such statement, but admitted there was individual comment. But he "certainly didn't recall" any action being taken.

Clark Griffith of the Senators told the United Press at Orlando, Fla., that he was "pretty sure" he was at the meeting.

Frick Refuses Comment

PM

President Ford Frick of the National League echoed Chandler's "no comment." New York, N.Y.

General Manager John Quinn of the Braves said he didn't remember offhand whether he attended that particular meeting but said he "never heard any such proposal discussed at any time."

"I recall nothing of the sort," Warren Giles of the Cincinnati Reds said.

"But it's news to me," he added. "I don't remember that we passed any such resolution."

Sam Breadon, who then owned the Cardinals, said he didn't care to "comment either way."

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Rickey Gives Owners 'Out'

Daily Worker 47a

New York, N.Y. Thurs 2-19-48

The revelation that the major leagues occasionally destroy accounts of meetings to avoid publicity on confidential matters was made yesterday by president Branch Rickey of the Brooklyn Dodgers in a luncheon at Leone's.

Rickey, further discussing his charges that the other 15 major league club owners protested officially against his plan to bring Negroes into the majors, admitted that all reports of the meeting in which it had been discussed had been destroyed.

"If in the judgement of the leagues, any report should not be given publicity it is withheld or destroyed," he said. "Ordinarily minutes are kept of all meetings. I do not know whether any minutes were kept of this meeting, but if they were, they are not now available."

Rickey said he had been mistaken when he said that the "Negro protest" resolution had been enacted at Cleveland in April of 1945. Instead, he said, it was held at the Blackstone Hotel in Chicago in September of 1946. 2-19-48

He said the fact that other club owners were not able to remember the fact that the Negro question was brought up in that meeting was "perfectly understandable to me." Daily Worker

"Anyone who makes such a statement is to be fully believed," he said. "This report covered perhaps as many as 20 or more pages and the Negro reference did not cover more than half a page.

Rickey said he "listened and was completely shocked when that section of the report was read."

At the finish, he sat in silence, neither approving nor disapproving while the other 15 club owners voted to accept the report in its entirety. New York, N.Y.

"Now I realize that I should have gotten up and protested," he said. **"You can find fault with me for not doing so if you will."** New York, N.Y.

Rickey said there were only two points regarding the matter that he did not care to discuss. He said he would not reveal the name of the club owner, or the members of the committee involved in drafting of the report. Thurs. 2-19-48

Rickey said his sole motive in bringing up the Negro situation after it had lain dormant for two years, was in illustrating the "transitional attitude toward the hiring of Negro players in the short period of something more than a year."

"I don't believe now there is a club in the entire major leagues where there isn't a place for a Negro player of major league caliber," he said. Daily Worker

WHO WAS HE?

Daily Worker New York, N.Y.

"I wish to say that no club-owner in the American or National League, with one exception, has ever protested to me personally, the signing of Robinson, and several have expresed approval," said Branch Rickey yesterday at Leone's. Thurs 2-19-48

Rickey refused to name the man who made that protest.

Rickey Claims That 15 Clubs Voted To Bar Negroes From the Majors

The Times New York, N.Y.

Declares He Used Robinson Despite Action Taken at Meeting in 1945—Officials Deny Dodger Head's Charges

Wed. 2-18-48

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WILBERFORCE, Ohio, Feb. 17 (AP)—Branch Rickey, president of the Brooklyn Dodgers, defied the formally expressed opposition of fifteen major league clubs to give Jackie Robinson, Negro star, his chance at organized baseball.

Using the annual football dinner of Wilberforce State University, a Negro school, as his sounding board, Rickey in a candid and impassioned address told an audience of some 250 last night.

"After I had signed Robinson, but before he had played a game, a joint major league meeting adopted unanimously a report prepared by a joint committee which stated that 'however well intentioned, the use of Negro players would hazard all the physical properties of baseball.' 2-18-48

"You can't find a copy of that report anywhere, but I was at the meeting where it was adopted.

"I sat silent while the other fifteen clubs approved it.

"I've tried to get a copy of the report, but league officials tell me all were destroyed.

Challenges a Denial

"But let them deny they adopted such a report, if they dare.

"I'd like to see the color of the man's eyes who would deny it."

Rickey said the report was adopted at a meeting after the appointment of A. B. (Happy) Chandler as commissioner.

President Ford Frick passed out copies at the National League meeting. Each copy bore the name of the man to whom it was handed.

"After we read them, they were collected. Frick checked off the names to see that he had all the copies. Then in the joint meeting the report was read and adopted."

Rickey, who flew here last night from a Chicago meeting of the All-America Football Conference, spoke beyond midnight.

"I have had this Robinson story inside me for a couple of years," the president of the National League champions said, "and I've decided the time has come for me to tell just how I feel about the whole thing. 2-18-48

"I believe that racial extractions and color hues and forms of worship become secondary to what men can do. The denial of equality of opportunity to qualify for work to any one, anywhere, any time, is ununderstandable to me.

Discusses Public's Reaction

"The American public is not as concerned with a first baseman's pigmentation as it is with the power of his swing, the dexterity of his slide, the gracefulness of his fielding or the speed of his legs.

"Who thinks of the inconsequentials when great matters of common challenge and natural interest confront us. It is not strange that Robinson should be given a chance in America to feed and shelter and clothe his wife and child and mother in a job he can do well, better than most individuals. It is not strange that a drop of water seeks to find the ocean." Wed.

The Brooklyn Mahatma said he had spent $25,000 in 1945 scouting Negro players, but that his scouts thought they were seeking talent for a Negro League. 2-18-48

"I knew what I was up against. In St. Louis the Negro patrons were not allowed in the grandstand. In seeking my first Negro player I needed a superlative man, a man who had to be an outstanding player on the field, and a thorough gentleman off it.

"When I called Robinson to my office he had no idea I wanted him for a white team. I dramatized six situations I knew he would come up against in baseball. I called him names. I all but hit him. And don't kid yourselves, this Robinson is no 'gentle breeze.' He's a competitor, a gentleman, and he has great personal respect.

Cites Communistic Effort

The Times

"He is a credit to his race, and he knows he has much of his race's future on his shoulders. For two years he has had an almost Christ-like taste of turning the other cheek. New York, N.Y.

"He has great homage coming to him, and his race owes it to him. But we have to be careful for some of the things you'd like to do for him just cannot be. We've had to stop parades and excursions in his honor. He must be treated just the same, no better or worse, than a white boy in our game.

"Now there is a Communistic effort to get credit for 'forcing' us to sign Robinson, but I warn you to be on your guard against that thing. Wed. 2-18-48

"We now have five other Negro boys in our organization, and this is going to come out all right. Two American League clubs have signed Negro players, too. And four National League clubs have put out feelers for Robinson—one asking if we were interested in trading him, another asking that he be included in a deal we were making, another asking if we knew where it could find a Negro star, and another showing a decided interest in him.

Fails to Meet Press

The Times

CHICAGO, Feb. 17 (AP)—Branch Rickey pulled a disappearance act today after his charge that the fifteen other major league clubs formally ruled against Jackie Robinson's big league debut. 2-18-48

Rickey failed to meet the press as scheduled here this afternoon.

It was authoritatively learned that Arthur Mann, Rickey's executive assistant, had whisked his boss beyond the probe of interviewers after Rickey had slept following his overnight plane flight to and from Wilberforce, Ohio. It was reported Rickey had taken a 6 P. M. (CST) plane for New York. New York, N.Y.

Rickey's charges at Wilberforce last night precipitated almost blanket denial by both American and National League club spokesmen. All asserted that no such report was presented.

Owner P. K. Wrigley of the Cubs said, "No such a vote ever was taken."

"If the question ever was presented in such a form as Rickey claims, I—or any representative of the Cubs—never would have voted on it," declared Wrigley.

That was the theme of all other major league executives reached. Ford Frick, president of the National League, declined comment. President Will Harridge of the American League was in Miami Beach, Fla., and not available for comment. Wed. 2-18-48

Wrigley, commenting on Rickey's bolt-from-the-blue address, remarked "Rickey never sat silent on any subject in his life."

Mann Makes Comment

The Times

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Rickey, in midafternoon, was reported checked out of the Sherman Hotel where he was supposed to attend the closing session of the All-America Football Conference.

Mann, in a corridor conference with another All-America official, was overheard to say that Rickey "has got himself all jammed up in baseball with his talk at Wilberforce." After that, neither Rickey nor Mann could be located by the press. New York, N.Y.

General Manager James Gallagher of the Cubs said that hhe believed Rickey must have been "misquoted" at Wilberforce.

Bob Carpenter of the Phile ointed out he was in the Army the time, but added that he as sure the late Herb Pennock, e club's general manager, never gned such an agreement, which rpenter described as "ridiculous yway." Wed. 2-18-48

George Weiss, general manager the Yankees, said that "this is e first I've heard of it."

No Comment by Chandler

The Times

United Press survey of major league baseball owners showed mixed reaction to the statement of Branch Rickey that the owners had made a concerted effort to keep Negroes out of organized baseball at a meeting in Cleveland on Apr. 26, 1945. It was the same meeting at which the club owners chose A. B. Chandler, then a United States Senator from Kentucky, as commissioner of baseball to succeed the late K. M. Landis.

Chandler had his usual "no comment" on the Rickey statement.

Many of the club's owners denied Rickey's statement, however, one of the most forthright in his denial was Alva Bradley, then owner of the Indians. New York, N.Y.

He said it was "untrue" that major league owners ever adopted a statement opposing entry of Negro players in the majors.

"Major league owners would never be unwise enough to do a thing like that," Bradley declared at Cleveland, adding that he had "no recollection" of any such stand.

"In 1945," he pointed out. "there was only one Negro player even mentioned as being of major league caliber. That was the pitcher, Satchel Paige, and he was making more money on the outside than he ever could have in organized big league baseball. I don't think Paige would even have considered coming in." 2-18-48

"The only statement I read at the meeting was one concerning the choice of a new commissioner," Bradley, who was chairman at the meeting, added. "There was no mention in any of my statements of the Negro question." Wed.

'Experiment' Is Key Dodger Word

Daily Worker

New York, N. Y. Wed 3-17-48

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, March 16.—For a team which won the National League pennant last year and came within a game of capturing the World Series, the Brooklyn Dodgers present a rather unique picture here in their lavish spring training camp.

Leo Durocher, back in the game after a year in commissioner Chandler's dgohouse, is going about the business of moulding a ball club as if it wree a poor also-ran in 1947.

Experimentation is the keynote here and while a lot of it became necessary when Dixie Walker was sold to Pittsburgh and Eddie Stanky to the Braves, Durocher pointed out another reason for the wholesale number of combinations which he is trying out:

"In all my years in baseball," he said, "I've never seen a greater bunch of ball players than we have in this camp. The job of selecting the right men is going to be a difficult one so I am changing them around a lot to see just where they will fit in."

Right now he has a half dozen experiments underway.

He has sent Pete Reiser to Vero Beach, Fla., to become a first baseman under the coaching of George Sisler. Reiser played in the outfield all last season but originally came up as a shortstop.

"He is the kind of a player who can play almost any position," Durocher explained, "and while I might worry about it a little bit, I wouldn't feel too badly if anyone told me right now I would have to open the season with Pete on first base." Daily Worker

Durocher also is giving Dick Whitman, an outfielder who hit .327 at Montreal last year, a crack at the first base post. 3-17-48

His other experiments include giving Dan Bankhead, the Negro pitcher who came up in mid-season last year, a trial in the outfield; shifting Jackie Robinson back to his natural second base post; giving Tom Brown, normally a shortstop, a shot at the third base post and sending a promising rookie, Edwin (Duke) Snider away to another camp in an effort to correct his tendency to go after bad balls. Snider went to Vero Beach, where Dodger farmhands are training, with Reiser. New York, N.Y.

"Here," Durocher explained, "Snider gets only 20 minutes or a little more of batting practice a day. Over at Vero Beach he will get two hours or more a day. We'll have the pitchers there keep feeding him bad balls in the hope that he will learn what throws are coming in the strike zone."

Unity Group Head Says Larry Did Little to Help

P.M.

New York, N.Y.

Mon. 3-8-48

The continued exclusion of Negroes from most of organized baseball was attacked yesterday by Dr. Dan W. Dodson, executive director of the Mayor's Committee on Unity, who declared that Branch Rickey, president of the Dodgers, was "charitable toward his colleagues" by indicating abolition of the color line in his organization.

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"One has only to look across the island to the Giant and Yankee organizations to see that such is not the case," Dr. Dodson said.

He spoke at the ninth annual scholarship meeting of the Harlem Committee of the Community Service Society, held at Riverside Church.

Dr. Dodson praised Rickey highly for signing Negroes, and at the same time charged that a statement by Larry MacPhail, former president of the Yankees, expressing sympathy for the Negro cause has not been borne out by events.

After describing the formation of a Mayor's Committee on Baseball nearly three years ago, "because of an urgent telegram" received by the late Mayor La Guardia from the Giants saying that an "End Jim Crow in Baseball Committee" would demonstrate at the Polo Grounds, Dr. Dodson continued:

"I did not believe, any more than I have believed since, that MacPhail of the Yankees was sincere in his pretention that he wanted to do something for the Negro. I did believe then completely in the sincerity of Mr. Rickey." New York, N.Y.

He said that his opinion of Rickey "has never wavered," and was borne out by subsequent employment of Jackie Robinson. P.M.

"Now, I want to know, who has been the friend of the Negro boys playing on every sand lot across the country? Larry MacPhail, who issued a report saying he favored that such be done through the encouragement by Negroes themselves, or was it done by Branch Rickey, who hired a Negro and thereby held out hope to Negro young people that they would be treated fairly and recognized on the basis of their ability? Mon. 3-8-48

"Who caused the Negro leagues to put their house in order? Larry MacPhail, who drafted a report which said the Negro clubs should 'put their house in order,' or Branch Rickey, who became such a threat to the investment of these marginal owners that they were forced to make their games competitive instead of mere exhibitions?

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"It is now the beginning of the third season since Mr. Rickey started his demonstration that Negroes could be successfully integrated into organized baseball, and in all fairness, the time has come to ask if it isn't possible for both the Yankee and Giant organizations to find some Negro somewhere or other who is worth being employed in some capacity in some league, however minor." 3-8-48

Dr. Dodson said that "the degree of interest of organized baseball in the Negro leagues and its concern for the investments of these Negro league owners is indicated by the statement a few days ago of Dr. John H. Johnson (commissioner of the Negro National League) that their application for admission into organized baseball was 'turned down' because of the problems of 'territorial rights.'" Mon

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Banta, Dodgers, Blanks Dallas, 4-0, As Robinson and Campanella Star

The Times

New York, N.Y.

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Negro Fans Swell Crowd to 11,370 and Jam Foul Lines—Jackie Gets 3 Hits, Snider a Homer, as Brooks Take 19th Straight

Tues 4-6-48

By ROSCOE McGOWEN

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

DALLAS, Tex., April 5—It was Jackie Robinson-Roy Campanella day at Rebel Field this afternoon as Jack Banta and the Dodgers blanked the local Texas Leaguers, 4—0, for the nineteenth straight Brooklyn triumph.

Of the crowd of 11,370 cash customers who jammed the park, 6,800 were Negroes and everyone had the time of his life watching the two Dodger players do their stuff. The Times

Lefty Altizer, Rebel southpaw, couldn't get Robinson out until the ninth inning, Jackie walking once, singling three straigh times, scoring one run and driving in another.

Campanella, who replaced Gil Hodges in the fifth inning, had a perfect day, whacking a long double into the crowd in left center on his first trip to the plate and drawing a pass the next time. Roy took some of the glitter off his performance, however, when he got himself doubled far off first in the eighth on Pee Wee Reese's hit-and-run fly to the right fielder.

Overflow Jams Foul Lines

New York, N.Y.

This park will seat only 9,000 and the overflow Negro fans lined from one foul line to another, as well as being packed along either foul line part way toward first and third bases from the outfield.

Thousands of them were in the upper reserved seat stands for the first time in the history of this or any Texas ball park—and probably the last time unless and until Jackie Robinson comes back again with the Dodgers. Tues

He was the drawing card without a doubt, not only for members of his own race but for hundreds of white fans as well. 4-6-48

Snider's Drive Pleases Crowd

Duke Snider, wh oplayed with Fort Worth in the Texas League, drew the first frantic cheers from the Negro fans, all of whom were rooting for the Dodgers, of course, when he whaled a terrific drive against a cross wind onto the catwalk in front of the right field scoreboard for a home run that scored Robinson ahead of him in the first inning.

Incidentally Duke was the most recent chap to hit one over the right field wall, calls for a 450-foot drive. His homer today traveled at least 400 feet.

The Box Score

BROOKLYN (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.	DALLAS (T.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Rob'son, 1b	4	1	3	8	1	0	Harts'd, 2b	3	0	1	1	2	0
Vaughan, lf	4	0	1	4	0	0	Smaza, cf	4	0	2	4	0	0
Snider, cf	4	1	1	3	0	0	Creel, rf	3	0	1	4	1	0
Hodges, c	2	0	0	1	0	0	Cavosie, lf	4	0	0	1	0	0
Reese, ss	4	0	1	0	1	0	York, 1b	4	0	1	13	0	0
Lund, rf	4	0	0	1	0	0	Serena, 3b	4	0	0	0	4	0
Brown, 3b	4	0	1	1	2	0	Liv'ston, ss	2	0	1	2	3	0
Miksis, 2b	4	1	1	2	5	0	Deem, c	3	0	0	2	0	0
Banta, p	4	0	1	1	2	0	Altizer, p	3	0	0	0	3	0
Camp'lla, c	1	1	1	6	0	0							
Total	35	4	10	27	11	0	Total	30	0	6	27	13	0

Brooklyn ....2 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0—4

Dallas ....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0

Runs batted in—Robinson, Snider 2, Reese.

Two-base hits—Livingston, Campanella, Vaughan, Brown. Home run—Snider. Sacrifice—Creel. Double plays—Creel and York; Brown, Miksis and Robinson; Altizer, Livingston and York; Banta, Miksis and Robinson. Left on bases—Brooklyn 4, Dallas 6. Bases on Balls—Off Altizer 2, Banta 2. Struck out—By Altizer 2, Banta 6. Umpires—Capps (T.), Atkins (T.) and Goetz (N.). Time of game—1:45.

The second Dodger run scored with two out in the fifth when Eddie Miksis singled to left, Banta beat out a "Baltimore chop" and Robinson looped a single into left.

Reese followed Campanella's big blow in the sixth with a line single inside the left field foul line for the other run. The Times

Tommy Brown led off with a prodigious ground rule double into the crowd in dead center in the ninth, but it went to waste.

Dallas Owner Entertains

George Schepps, owner of the Dallas club, and his brother, Julius, tossed a party for the Dodgeres and the itinerant scribes this evening. The festivities were curtailed slightly because the Brooks had to catch a 9:30 train for Oklahoma City. New York, N.Y.

Manager Jimmy Adair must be in a hair tearing state of mind. His Rebels now have completed twenty-six scoreless innings in three exhibitions. Buffalo shut 'em out, 15—0, yesterday and their previous scoring consiste of two runs in the first inning against the Dodgers' St. Paul farmhands.

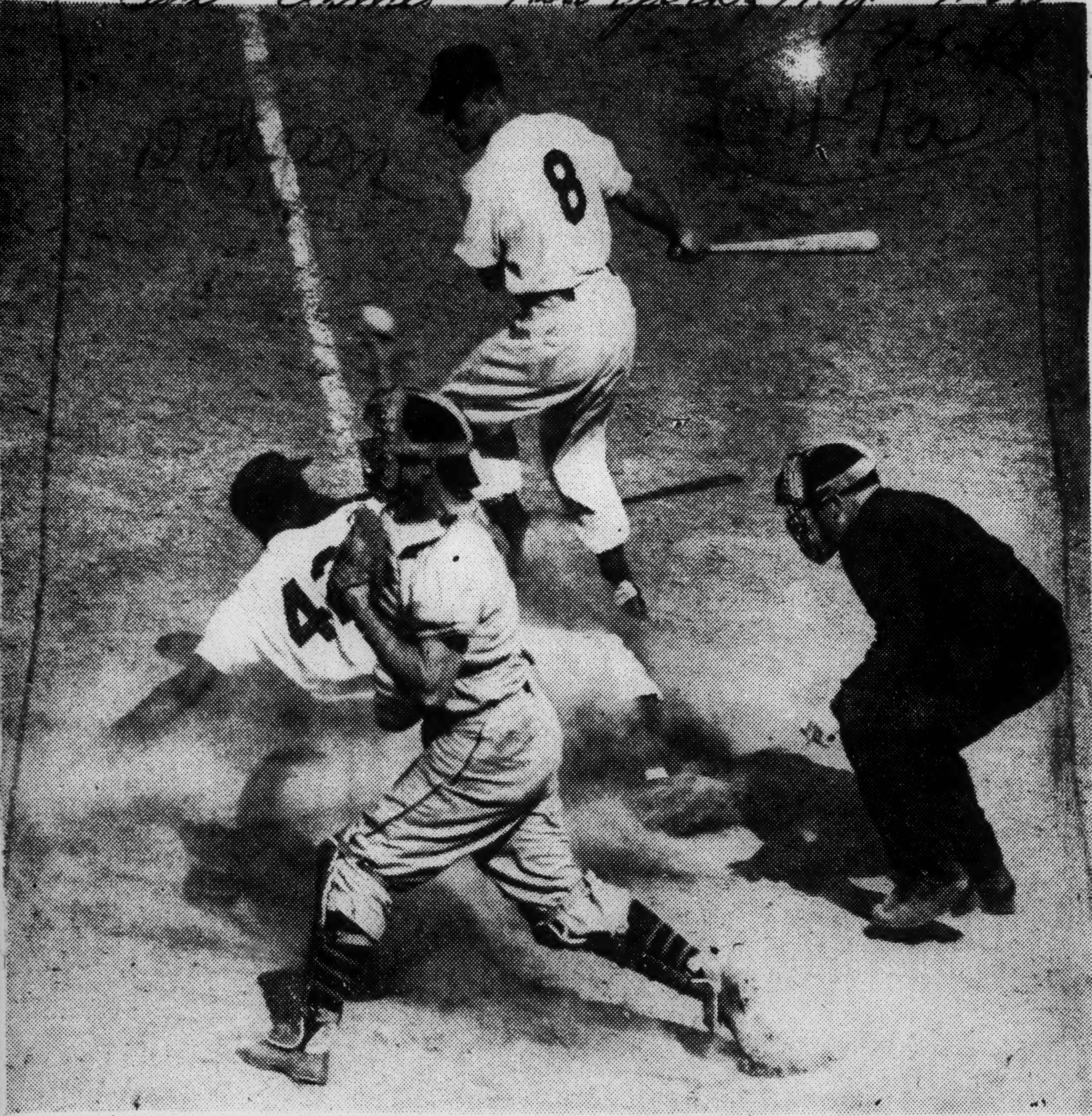
Brown came up with a corking play in the eighth when he collared John Creel's bullet-like grounder and started a fast double play.

Br'er Branch Rickey was one of the few non-paying spectators and his august presence duly was announced over the loud speaker.

Banta gave up six hits, only one for extra bases, fanned five and walked two. Tues. 4-6-48

A STEAL OF HOME THAT RESULTED IN TWO RUNS

The Times New York, N.Y. Mon.



Robinson, Dodgers, sliding to the plate safely. Catcher Cooper is firing to third. However, there was no one covering the bag for the Giants and Hermanski, who was on second, raced all the way in to score The umpire is Robb and No. 8, Shuba, who was at bat. Mon. 7-5-48 The New York Times

REISER'S PINCH HIT ENDS BATTLE, 13-12

The Times

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Pete Singles Home Two Runs After Campanella Homer With Hodges on Base

PALICA VICTOR ON MOUND

New York, N.Y.

Takes Over for Brooks When Branca Yields 4 Tallies to Giants in Top of Ninth

Mon. 7-5-48

By ROSCOE McGOWEN

Only the Giants and Dodgers could produce what was unfolded before 28,770 fans at Ebbets Field yesterday when the Brooks staged a four-run ninth-inning rally to nose out the boys from Coogan's Bluff by a 13-12 count.

Thirty-seven players were tossed into the fray and it was the twentieth chap brought in for Brooklyn who won the game. That was Pistol Pete Reiser, who was in the hospital the day before with both ankles badly sprained. Pete came in to bat for the sixth Dodger pitcher, Erv Palica, and won the game for the youngster and his mates with a line single to right field that chased Dick Whitman and PeeWee Reese across the plate with the tying and winning runs.

The victim of this astonishing result was Sheldon (Available) Jones, the sixth elbower summoned by the desperate Mel Ott—which made Jones the only Giant pitcher involved in the three decisions of the series, with one victory and two defeats.

The two Negro aces of the Dodgers, Roy Campanella and Jackie Robinson, were highly important in the victory. The stocky catcher belted out two home runs, the second in the final frame with Gil Hodges aboard to start the big rally and the other off Ray Poat, the forgotten starter, in the fourth with Carl Furillo on base.

Robby Steals Home

The Times

Robby broke the game open in the seventh inning when the Dodgers were trailing, 8—4, by making a clean steal of home while George Shuba was at bat. Walker Cooper, alert to the fact that he couldn't nail Robinson, made a perfect throw to third base which would have gotten Gene Hermanski, on the other end of the double steal, but Sid Gordon stood still a few feet from the bag and let the ball go into left field.

Hermanski scored, too, and in the eighth the Dodgers were sparked into a rally that gave them three runs and a 9—8 lead. Hodges' opening single, Arky Vaughan's pinch double, a single by Reese and a perfect bunt single by Robinson, plus the wildness of two relief hurlers, Dave Koslo and Alex Konikowski, did the trick.

Kelso walked Billy Cox, batting for Hermanski, pitched two balls to Shuba and then was replaced by Konikonski, who completed the walk to force Reese across with the Dodgers' ninth run. Alex might have been the salvation of Ott, for he closed out the inning neatly, but had to be removed for a pinch hitter—and thereby hangs another tale. New York, N.Y.

Ralph Branca, the Dodger ace, was summoned to protect the one-run lead in the ninth, and Willard Marshall promptly tied the score with a terrific clout over the scoreboard clock for his tenth homer. Branca struck out Jack Lohrke, but Eddie Miksis, then playing third base instead of Bruce Edwards, erred on a throw after a fine stop of Jack Conway's grounder. 7-5-48 Mon.

Seventh for Rigney

Thomson dropped a pop-fly single into left center field and Bill Rigney gave the Giants an apparently commanding lead by belting his seventh homer ito the lower left field stands that sent Branca to the showers and Palica came on to close the barn door after the nag had been pilfered.

But one never can tell what will happen in Brooklyn. Here's the sequence of the triumphant Dodger ninth:

Hodges singled on a line to left and Campanella propelled a three-and-two pitch from Jones into the upper left field stands and the Brooks were only one run behind. Came a single by Whitman and a pass to Reese, then a perfect bunt by Robinson for a hit, Jones trying the only possible play by throwing to third base in a vain effort to get Whitman. Mon.

Reiser went on to bat for Palica, who had the third spot in the batting order because of the shifts the Brooks had made. Pete fouled off three pitches, with only one ball against him, then delivered the pay-off blow with a rifle shot into right field. 7-5-48

Dodgers' Box Score

The Times

NEW YORK (N.)

	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Rigney, 2b	4	1	1	2	2	0
Lockman, cf	3	2	1	5	0	0
Layton, lf	6	0	1	3	0	0
Mize, 1b	4	2	1	6	0	0
Cooper, c	4	1	1	7	0	0
Marshall, rf	4	2	2	0	0	0
Gordon, 3b	3	1	0	1	2	1
Lohrke, 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0
Conway, ss	5	1	2	0	2	0
Poat, p	3	1	0	0	0	0
Hansen, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jansen, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Koslo, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kon'ski, p	0	0	0	0	1	0
aThomson	1	1	1	0	0	0
Kennedy, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jones, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	37	12	10*	24	7	1

BROOKLYN (N.)

	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Reese, ss	5	4	3	3	2	1
Robinson, 2b	5	1	3	2	1	0
Hermanski, rf	4	1	2	3	0	0
dCox	0	0	0	0	0	0
Branca, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Palica, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
eReiser	1	0	1	0	0	0
Shuba, lf	4	0	1	3	0	1
Edwards, 3b	4	0	1	0	1	0
Miksis, 3b	0	0	0	0	0	1
Furillo, cf	5	1	2	1	0	0
Hodges, 1b	5	2	2	4	2	0
Camp'la, c	5	2	3	10	1	0
Taylor, p	1	0	0	1	[illegible]	0
Minner, p	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ramsdell, p	0	0	0	0	1	0
bRackley	1	0	0	0	0	0
Behrman, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
cVaughan	1	1	1	0	0	0
Whitman, [illegible]	1	[illegible]	1	0	0	0
Total	43	13	20	27	9	3

New York, N.Y.

*None out when winning run scored.
aSingled for Konikowski in ninth.
bStruck out for Ramsdell in seventh.
cDoubled for Behrman in eighth.
dWalked for Hermanski in eighth.
eSingled for Palica in ninth.

Mon 7-5-48

New York	0	0	2	1	2	3	0	0	4	—12
Brooklyn	0	0	1	2	0	0	3	3	4	—13

Runs batted in—Layton 2, Conway, Campanella 4, Gordon, Marshall 4, Hermanski, Reese, Cox, Shuba, Rigney 3, Reiser 2.

Two-base hits — Reese, Edwards, Hermanski. Three-base hits — Hermanski, Layton, Marshall. Home runs — Campanella 2, Marshall, Rigney. Stolen bases—Robinson, Reese, Gordon. Sacrifice—Robinson. Double play — Reese, Robinson and Hodges. Left on bases—New York 10, Brooklyn 11. Bases on balls—Off Taylor 7, Minner 1, Ramsdell 4, Hansen 1, Koslo 2, Jones 1. Struck out — By Poat 3, Taylor 3, Minner 1, Ramsdell 2, Konikowski 1, Branca 1, Palica 1. Hits — Off Poat 10 in 6 2-3 innings, Hansen 1 in 0 (pitched to two batters in seventh), Jansen 4 in 2-3, Koslo 0 in 0 (pitched to two batters in eighth), Konikowski 0 in 2-3, Kennedy 2 in 0 (pitched to two batters in ninth), Jones 3 in 0 (pitched to four batters in ninth), Taylor 2 in 3 2-3, Minner 3 in 1, Ramsdell 1 in 2 1-3, Behrman 0 in 1, Branca 3 in 1-3, Palica 1 in 2-3. Balk—Poat. Winning pitcher—Palica. Losing pitcher — Jones. Umpires — Robb, Gore and Pinelli. Time of game—3:30. Attendance—28,770 paid.

Dodgers Take Fourth Place by Drubbing Giants, 15-10

The Times Picayune
New Orleans, La.
Sun. 7-11-48

Setback Drops Ottmen Into Fifth Position

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(The Associated Press)

New York, July 10. — The Brooklyn Dodgers stormed into fourth place in the National League today, blasting the New York Giants, 15-10. A seven run, seventh inning rally, highlighted by Jackie Robinson's three-run inside-the-park homer, turned the tide in favor of Brooklyn. The Giants, who dropped from fourth to fifth place used seven pitchers.

BY EDWARD BURNS

Daily Tribune

The Brooklyn Dodgers won a double header in Wrigley field yesterday to make it three

Straight over the Cubs

A crowd of 40,280 saw Brooklyn win the first game, 9 to 3 and the second, 7 to 1.

The Dodgers clinched matters in the first game with a five run sortie in the fourth, when Ralph Hamner was knocked off the mound.

In the second game, Bob McCall didn't yield a hit for the first five innings, but the Dodgers made four in the sixth climaxed by

Gene Hermanski's home run and a pair of errors. Chicago, Ill.

Bill Nicholson, who hit a home run in the first game, gave way to Pinch Batter Bob Sheffing in the eighth inning of the second game, but the latter

popped out. 1-22-48

Bruce Edwards' two-run homer in the ninth wound up the Dodgers' scoring after Edwards had stolen home in the seventh.

Dodgers Win Double Bill; Yanks, Tribe Split Header

Constitution, Atlanta, Ga.

Thu. 7-22-48

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Brooklyn Dodgers continued their torrid pace in the National League pennant race yesterday, sweeping a double-header from the Chicago Cubs at Chicago, 9-3 and 7-1, to strengthen their grip on second place.

Since Burt Shotton took over from Leo Durocher, the Dodgers have won seven games and lost only one.

Big Ralph Branca breezed to his twelfth victory in the first game, scattering eight hits, while his mates clubbed three Chicago pitchers for 16. Sat. 7-22-48

Dutch McCall held the Dodgers hitless for five innings in the second game but the Brooks, with the aid of two errors, broke his spell by scoring four runs in the sixth.

Sparked by Jim Hegan's slam home run in the eighth inning, the league-leading Cleveland Indians came from behind and beat the New York Yankees, 12-8, at New York after the Yanks had won the opener of the double-header, 7-3. The attendance was 67,133.

Trailing 8-4 going into the seventh inning, the Indians scored three runs on Lou Boudreau's double and singles by Joe Gordon, Ed Robinson, Hal Peck and Dale Mitchell to set the stage for their big eighth inning.

Allie Clark singled to start the five-run rally. A walk and Ken Keltner's single knocked in the tying run and sent Relief Pitcher Joe Page to the showers. Karl Drews took over and walked pinch-hitter Wally Judnich to load the bases. Hegan followed with a homer into the left field stands. Russ Christopher, fourth Cleveland pitcher, was the winner. 7-22-48

In the opener, the Yanks supported the six-hit pitching of Lefty Ed Lopat with a 12-hit attack that included homers by Joe DiMaggio, Billy Johnson, Cliff Mapes and Phil Rizzutto. The victory was Lopat's seventh straight and ninth of the season. Boudreau drove in all Cleveland runs with a homer and fly ball. Constitution

Joe Dobson won his twelfth victory against six defeats as the Red Sox stretched their win streak to five games with a 3-1 success over the Chicago White Sox at Boston. It was the first game of an afternoon-night double-header.

Only one of the six hits off Dobson went for extra bases—Tony Lupien's double.

In Washington, Walter Masterson was slammed for 12 hits as Washington defeated the Detroit Tigers, 6-1.

Johnny Blatnik's triple and Eddie Miller's single in the top half of the 10th gave the Philadelphia Phillies the run they needed to whip the Pittsburgh Pirates, 3-2, at Philadelphia. Atlanta, Ga.

DODGERS 9-7, CUBS 3-1

B'LYN	ab.	h.	po.	a.	CHICAGO	ab.	h.	po.	a
Rackley,cf	5	2	5	0	Jeffcoat,cf	5	0	2	0
Rob'son,2b	6	3	1	1	Waitkus,1b	4	2	12	0
Her'ski,rf	5	1	5	0	Lowrey,2b	5	0	1	5
Shuba,lf	3	1	0	0	Pafko,3b	3	0	4	1
Reese,ss	3	1	0	1	N'olson,rf	4	2	3	0
Brown,3b	5	3	1	1	C'retta,lf	4	0	0	1
C'nelli,c	5	1	9	1	Scheffing,c	3	1	4	1
Hodges,1b	4	2	6	0	Culler,ss	3	2	1	3
Branca,p	4	2	0	1	Hamner,p	1	0	0	0
					Dobernic,p	0	0	0	0
					aWalker	1	1	0	0
					bBush	0	0	0	0
					Chambers,p	2	0	0	1
Totals	40	16	27	5	Totals	35	8	27	12

aSingled for Dobernic in 4th.
bRan for Walker in 4th.

Brooklyn 200 500 002—9
Chicago 010 200 000—3

R—Rackley 2, Robinson, Hermanski 2, Shuba, Reese, Campanella, Hodges, Nicholson 2, Scheffing. E—Jeffcoat, Reese. RBI—Brown 4, Hermanski, Campanella, Hodges, Robinson 2, Nicholson, Culler, Walker. 2B—Culler, Hodges. 3B—Robinson. HR—Nicholson. SB—Brown. SK—Branca. LOB—Brooklyn 12, Chicago 9. BB—off Hamner 5, Dobernic 1, Chambers 1, Branca 4. SO—by Hamner 2, Dobernic 1, Branca 7. H—off Hamner 7 in 3 innings (faced 3 batters in 4th3; Dobernic 3 in 1; Chambers 6 in 5. Umps.—Barlick, Dascoli, Ballanfant and Barr.

(Second Game)

BR'KLYN	ab.	h.	po.	a.	CHICAGO	ab.	h.	po.	a.
Rackley,cf	4	1	1	0	Jeffcoat,cf	4	1	4	0
Robinsn,2b	4	2	4	4	Waitkus,1b	4	0	4	0
Hrmnski,rf	3	1	1	0	Lowry,2b-lf	4	1	3	0
Reese,ss	4	0	6	5	Pafko,3b	4	2	2	0
Shuba,lf	4	1	0	0	Nicholsn,rf	3	0	4	0
Brown,3b	3	0	1	2	aScheffing	1	0	0	0
Edwards,c	4	2	4	3	Schenz,2b	0	0	1	0
Hodges,1b	4	1	10	1	Madrn,lf-rf	4	1	2	0
Hatten,p	4	0	0	2	McCulugh,c	4	2	7	1
					Culler,ss	3	0	0	1
					McCall,p	2	0	0	2
					bMauch	1	0	0	0
Totals	34	8	27	17	Totals	34	7	27	4

aPopped out for Nicholson in 8th.
bGrounded out for McCall in 9th.

Brooklyn 000 004 102—7
Chicago 000 000 010—1

R—Rackley, Robinson, Hermanski, Shuba, Edwards 2, Hatten, Jeffcoat. E—Brown, Culler 2, Jeffcoat. RBI — Hermanski 3, Pafko, Edwards 2. HR—Hermanski, Edwards. SB—Edwards, Hodges. SH—Brown. DP—Edwards and Reese. LB—Brooklyn 2, Chicago 8. BB—McCall 1, Hatten 2. SO—McCall 7, Hatten 4

PHILS 3, BUCS 2.

PHILA.	ab.	h.	po.	a.	PITTS	ab.	h.	po.	a.
Ashburn,cf	2	2	4	1	Rojek,ss	5	1	3	3
Cabalro,3b	3	0	1	0	Bockmn,3b	4	1	2	5
Rowell,3b	2	1	0	1	Walker,rf	4	0	1	0
Blatnik,lf	4	2	3	0	Kiner,lf	4	0	2	0
Ennis,rf	5	0	3	0	Westlake,cf	4	2	0	1
Sisler,1b	3	0	12	2	Stevens,1b	3	1	12	0
Miller,ss	4	1	0	6	Murtugh,2b	4	1	4	6
Hamner,2b	5	0	1	5	Fitzgerald,c	4	0	6	0
Seminick,c	4	2	5	0	Riddle,p	3	1	0	1
Dubiel,p	2	0	1	0	Singleton,p	0	0	0	0
aH.Walker	1	1	0	0	bHopp	1	0	0	0
Rowe,p	2	0	0	0					
Totals	37	9	30	15	Totals	36	7	30	16

aDoubled for Dubiel in 8th.

Philadelphia 000 000 020 1—3
Pittsburgh 001 100 000 0—2

R—Blatnik, Seminick, H. Walker, Westlake, Riddle. E—Hamner, Blatnik. RBI—Riddle, Murtaugh. Walker, Rowell, Miller. 2B—Westlake, Blatnik, H. Walker, Rowell, Murtaugh. 3B—Rojek, Blatnik. HR—Riddle. SB—Rowe. DP—Bockman and Stevens, Riddle, Rojek and Stevens. LOB—Philadelphia 12, Pittsburgh 6. BB—Off Riddle 4, Dubiel 2, Singleton 4. SO—By Riddle 2, by Dubiel 1, Singleton 1. H—Off Riddle, 6 in 7 innings; Singleton, 3 in 3 innings; Dubiel, 6 in 7 innings; Rowe, 1 in 3 innings. W Pitch—Singleton. WP—Rowe. LP—Singleton. Umps—Conlan, Stewart and Henline. T—2:20. Attend—6,797.

NewYorkOpeningAttack RoutsRoe, RipsBehrman

Herald Tribune
New York, N.Y.

Marshall's Triple Drives Left-Hander From Mound; Offense Continues on 3 Singles Off Relief Pitcher; Mize Hits 2-Run Homer in 4th

Tues. 7-27-48

By Harold Rosenthal

Successful beyond their wildest dreams during their just-completed Western road trip, the second-place Brooklyn Dodgers returned to Ebbets Field last night for a single-game series with the New York Giants. Preacher Roe, a well rested left-hander, was on the mound for the Dodgers, facing Sheldon Jones, Giants right-hander.

The Giants won, 13 to 4.

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Jones and Cooper, Westrum (9); Roe, Behrman (1), Minner (5), Palica (7), Casey (9) and Campanella.

Roe had a season's record of four and four, compared to Jones's eight and five. Shotton had refrained from using Roe during the last week of the Dodgers' Western trip, figuring to have the Preacher's left-handed slants at peak efficiency against the Giants' right-handed slugging array.

Roe and his mates had a catastrophic first inning. The Preacher could only get one man, Whitey Lockman, who sacrificed. By the time the Dodgers could get a relief pitcher warmed up, the Giants had scored three runs on two singles, two errors and a triple by Willard Marshall.

Rigney Starts Scoring

Bill Rigney, the first Giant batter, singled and was sacrificed along by Lockman. Rigney then went to third on a wisd pitch and was singled home by Sid Gordon. Johnny Mize then drove one at Gil Hodges who permitted it to go through his legs. Gene Hermanski made a bad throw in from right field and Gordon came home while Mize wound up on second. Marshall then tripled off the scoreboard, sending Mize home and finishing Roe. He was replaced by Hank Behrman, the righthander. Tues.

Behrman didn't look much better than Roe although he was still around at the end of the first inning. Walker Cooper, the first batter he faced, singled home Marshall. Bobby Thompson punched out another single, but was forced at second by Buddy Kerr.

Jones sent a hot single through the middle scoring Cooper. Rigney, coming up to bat for the second time in the inning, flied out to Hermanski, retiring the Giants with a five-run lead.

There was no answering demonstration of power by the Dodgers in the first inning. They went down in order. Marvin Rackley flied out to Thomson in left field. Robinson was thrown out by Gordon and Hermanski put up a fly to Thomson. 7-27-48

The Giants got off to a fast start again in the second with Lockman's double to left field but the Dodgers then settled down to serious work. They got Gordon on a slow roller to short. After Mize had walked, they retired the Giants on a double play set up on Marshall's grounder to Hodges.

Giants Make Double Play

After George Shuba struck out in the Dodgers' second, Roy Campanella singled to left. Tommy Brown, taking a half swing, laid an easy roller down to Rigney who tagged Campanella coming down the base path, then threw out Brown at first base.

Behrman managed to get the Giants out in the third without a hit. Cooper was thrown out by Reese and Thomson struck out. Kerr drew a walk but was forced by Jones. Herald Tribune

The Dodgers continued to find Jones an enigma in the third. Hodges put a roller down to Gordon, then Reese and Behrman fanned in order. N.Y.

The Giants resumed their bludgeoning of the Dodgers again in the fourth. With one away, Lockman walked and Gordon fouled out to Campanella. Mize then hit a one-and-one pitch into the lower centerfield stand, a mighty wallop of 420 feet. It was Mize's twenty-fourth round tripper of the year. Marshall then struck out.

The Dodgers were retired in order once again in the fourth. Rackley was thrown out by Kerr, Robinson popped to Gordon and Hermanski backed Thompson up against the left field fence with a high fly. 7-27-48

The Giants got to Behrman for keeps in the fifth. Cooper and Thomson singled in succession, then Kerr doubled home Cooper with the Giants' eighth run. That finished Behrman and brought in Paul Minner, the lanky left-hander.

Jackie, Campanella Play In Ft. Worth

The Defender
Jul 17-48
Chicago, Ill.

FT. WORTH, Texas—Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella made history in this town Saturday, when they played in the Brooklyn Dodgers lineup against Ft. Worth. The Dodgers won 5-3.

Jackie started for the Dodgers at first base, and Campy relieved Gil Hodges behind the plate in the seventh inning. A crowd of 8,000 saw the two Negro athletes contribute greatly to the defeat of the Texas club.

DODGERS TROUNCE REDS BY 8-4, 10-4; TAKE THIRD PLACE

Times

New york. N.Y.
SUN. 7-18-48

Brooks Move Ahead of Cards by Fraction of Point With Barrage of Long Hits

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BRANCA VICTOR 11TH TIME

Robinson's 3-Run Homer Wins Opener—Shuba, Campanella Connect in Second Game

By ROSCOE McGOWEN
Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

CINCINNATI, July 17—Rolling along as implacably as the ocean tides, Barney Shotton's Dodgers today flattened the Reds twice, 8—4 and 10—4, moved into third place ahead of the Cardinals and only five games behind the first-place Braves in the National League's lost column.

The Dodgers' third-place margin is fractional, the figures being Brooklyn .5131 and St. Louis .5128, but they move into St. Louis tomorrow for a double-header with the Redbirds. Times

Witnessed by a disgruntled ladies' day crowd of 29,472, today's double bill featured a number of things, including the remarkable first-base play and hitting of Gil Hodges. There were home runs by Jackie Robinson, George Shuba and Roy Campanella and the first major league triumph for long Paul Minner, rookie southpaw.

Minner Becomes a Winner

Minner became the winner after replacing faltering Harry Taylor at the start of the fourth inning of the nightcap. He shut out the Reds the rest of the way on six hits, three of them bunched in his first inning. New York. N.Y.

The temper of the fans was aroused by Frank Dascoli, big umpire not long out of the International League, who refused to allow a claim by Dewey Williams, Cincinnati catcher, that Hodges had interfered with a throw as Campanella stole second in the second inning of the afterpiece.

Dascoli not only banished Williams from the game, the enraged backstop dumping his mask, pad and glove at the arbiter's feet before he left, but chased Johnny Vander Meer from the bench for some of old Double-no-Hit's unkind observations. Then the umpire also ordered Manager Johnny Neun to the showers.

Umpire Booed Constantly

Thereafter the fans booed Dascoli almost constantly until some of them finally turned their attention to the futile Reds. Then it became difficult to discern whether the Reds or the umpire formed the target. Sat. 7-18-48

The incident preceded a three-run Dodger rally in that inning, but the Reds drew within one of a tie in the second. When Ted Kluszewski whacked his sixth homer of the season off Taylor to tie the score in the third, Shotton decided not to send Handsome Harry back. 7-18-48

So Dick Whitman—first pinch hitter to fail since Shotton took over—batted for Taylor and the rest was up to Minner.

Shuba's homer, a prodigious drive high into the right-field bleachers off Herman Wehmeier in the fifth, put the Dodgers ahead, 5-4, and that was all they needed. However, they knocked Wehmeier out in the eighth, scoring four times with two runs unearned because of two errors by Bobby Adams. Times

Campanella hit his homer No. 4 into the right-center bleacher corner in the wake of Tommy Brown's double to start it. Minner, safe on the first of Adams' miscues and Robinson, who walked, scored on Adams' second error and a double down the right field line by Shuba.

The Dodgers got one more in the ninth off Kent Peterson, chiefly because Adams didn't cover first on Hodges' base-filling bunt, Peterson then walked Minner to force in the tally. New York N.Y

The first game became big Ralph Branca's eleventh triumph, although Ralph wasn't around at the finish. He blew a 3-1 lead in the sixth, the Reds hitting him rather soundly and going ahead 4—3. Sat 7-18-48

Then Shotton's luck with pinch-hitters held good. He sent Arky Vaughan in to bat for Ralph in the eighth with Hodges on via a double to left and two out. Vaughan pushed a blooper single into short right field and Hodges raced home with the tying run.

Hatton Boots Grounder

When Grady Hatton booted a hard-hit ball by Peewee Reese he won the first Bronx cheers from the crowd. The error set the stage for Robinson, who whaled his fifth homer of the season well over the left-field wall a few feet inside the foul pole.

That was enough to salt the game away but the Brooks added a tally in the ninth on Hodges' second double, Carl Furillo scoring. Carl had been put on by Red Stallcup's fumble of his grounder and had moved to second on Bruce Edwards' looping single to left center. Sat. 7-18-48

Three hits, including a pinch single by Babe Young, and a Branca wild pitch gave the Reds their trio of tallies in the sixth. Frankie Baumholtz's single to center drove in two.

Erv Palica held the Reds scoreless in the last two innings. Despite a single by Baumholtz and a long double by Adams, Frankie probably would have tallied had coach Phil Page not stopped him at third.

Brooks Belt Cards, 12-4, Get 8 in 5th

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The Dodgers didn't wait until the ninth inning to beat the Cardinals at Ebbets Field yesterday. Any of the 19,491 fans who remained after the fifth inning didn't stay for the suspense, for after an eight-run fifth the Brooks held an 11-0 lead and they finished under wraps with a 12-4 victory, their third in a row over the club which took nine of 12 from them earier in the year.

Preacher Roe, who had a nightmare 10 minutes during Monday night's unhappy business with the Giants, moved smoothly behind this protective curtain until the eighth inning when the Cards woke up for all of their runs. Bill Baker walked, Terry Moore and Stan Musial doubled and Whitey Kurowski hit a home run to celebrate his return to action after a sore-elbow sidelining.

The Preacher departed after this, clutching his fifth win, and Hank Behrman handled the ninth in scoreless fashion.

Johnson Welcomed

Ken Johnson, up from Rochester, started for the Cardinals and got into trouble with his first batter, Dick Whitman, who walked. Another walk, Bruce Edwards' single, and a deep fly to center by Roy Campanella produced two runs. Ted Wilks took over the pitching in the second and got to the fifth with no more trouble than a fourth inning homer by Tommy Brown, a solid smack into the center field stands.

In the fifth the Dodgers stopped fooling around with the little stuff and gave Wilks and George Munger the full treatment with seven hits playing a part in piling up the eight runs.

Gene Hermanski scored the first run after opening the attack by singling with one away, and many happy minutes later he drove in the last one with a double.

Big blow of the inning, however, was struck by Gil Hodges. The Dodgers loaded the bases, but gave up another out before Gil came to bat. His triple finished Wilks, gave the Dodgers the first three runs of the big inning. Everybody got into the act after that, including Roe who contributed a single.

Star

Robbie Steals Fourth

Jackie Robinson, who flied out his first time up, used his second trip of the inning to better advantage as he singled home a run, stole second and scored himself. This was Jackie's fourth steal of the season, his first of second base. He has taken home twice, third once.

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Edwards was again in left field when the game started, but after getting one hit and making three putouts without an error, he turned the job back to George Shuba in mid-game. George, who has been in a slump, got two hits in his two trips. Burt Shotton used the chance to rest sore-legged Pee Wee Reese in the late innings, Billy Cox taking over at short.

New York, N.Y.

Before the game Eddie Dyer, Card manager, announced that there was no truth in current stories that his job was in jeopardy. Thurs

"Mr. Hannegan visited me in the clubhouse between games last Sunday in St. Louis," said Eddie "and told me he regretted the newspaper stories implying that he had lost faith in me." 7-29-48

Hannegan said the same to the players, told them they still had a chance to win the pennant and that he wanted them to go out under Dyer's leadership and win it. Eddie's contract runs through the remainder of this season.

Dodger Box Score

ST. LOUIS	ab	h	o	a	DODGERS	ab	h	o	a
Lapointe, 2b	4	0	5	1	Whitman, cf	3	2	3	0
d-Northey	0	0	0	0	Robinson, 2b	5	1	3	5
Marion, ss	3	1	1	2	Hermanski, rf	4	2	0	0
Moore, cf	1	1	0	0	Edwards, lf	2	1	3	0
e-Young	1	0	0	0	Shuba, lf	2	2	1	0
Musial, rf	4	1	2	0	Campanella, c	4	1	4	0
Kurowski, 3b	3	1	1	1	Brown, 3b	5	1	2	1
Slaughter, lf	4	1	4	0	Hodges, 1b	4	2	9	0
Jones, 1b	4	0	4	0	Reese, ss	2	2	1	1
Dusak cf-ss	3	2	2	2	Cox, ss	1	0	1	1
Rice, c	3	0	4	1	Roe, p	4	1	0	0
Johnson, p	0	0	0	1	Behrman, p	0	0	0	0
a-Lang	1	0	0	0					
Wilks, p	1	0	0	1					
Munger, p	0	0	1	1					
b-Baker	0	0	0	0					
Hearn, p	0	0	0	0					
c-Schoendi'st	1	0	0	0					
Totals	33	7	24	10	Totals	36	15	27	8

Thurs
7-29-48

a—Flied out for Johnson in 2nd.
b—Walked for Munger in 8th.
c—Grounded out for Hearn in 9th.
d—Walked for Lapointe in 9th.
e—Hit into DP for Moore in 9th.

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ST. LOUIS	000	000	040	—4
DODGERS	200	180	01x	—12

Runs—Moore, Musial, Kurowski, Baker, Whitman, Robinson 2, Hermanski 2, Shuba 2, Campanella, Brown, Hodges, Reese, Roe. E.—Musial, Slaughter, Robinson, Campanella. RBI—Edwards, Campanella 2, Brown, Hodges 3, Roe, Whitman, Robinson, Hermanski. Musial 2, Kurowski 2. 2B—Hermanski, Moore, Musial, Campanella. 3B—Hodges, Reese. HR—Brown, Kurowski. SB—Robinson, Musial. DP — Brown-Robinson-Hodges; Dusak-Lapointe-Jones; Cox-Robinson-Hodges; Munger-Jones. Left—St. Louis 7; Dodgers 8. BB—Johnson 2, Wilks 2, Munger 3, Roe 3, Behrman 1, Hearn 1. SO—Wilks 1; Munger 2; Roe 4. Hits—off Johnson 1 in 1; Wilks 7 in 3 2-3; Munger 5 in 2 1-3; Hearn 2 in 1; Roe 7 in 8; Behrman in 1. Hit by P—by Roe (Rice). Winner—Roe; Loser—Johnson. Ump.—Pinelli, Robb, Gore. Time — 2:35. Attendance — 19,491 paid.

Doby's Error Lets A's Nip Cleveland, 4-3

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New York, N.Y.

CLEVELAND, July 28 (AP)—Two eighth-inning runs on an outfield error enabled the Philadelphia Athletics to edge the Cleveland Indians today, 4-3. The victory for pitcher Dick Fowler was his 10th against two defeats and moved the Athletics ahead of the Tribe into second place. 7-29-48

Don White's fly hit Larry Doby on the head and two runners scored in the eighth, sending Bob Lemon to his ninth loss agains 13 victories.

PHILADELPHIA	ab	h	o	a	CLEVELAND	ab	h	o	a
Joost, ss	3	1	2	3	Doby, cf	4	1	5	0
McCosky, lf	4	1	3	0	Clark, rf	3	1	1	0
Coleman, rf	3	0	3	0	Kennedy, rf	0	0	0	0
York, 1b	3	0	9	0	Mitchell, lf	4	1	4	0
White, 3b	4	0	1	2	Boudreau, ss	4	0	3	2
Chapman, cf	4	2	5	0	Gordon, 2b	4	3	2	2
Suder, 2b	4	1	3	6	Keltner, 3b	3	0	0	1
Rosar, c	4	1	1	1	Robinson, 1b	4	1	7	0
Fowler, p	4	0	0	3	Hegan, c	3	1	5	0
					a-Edwards	1	0	0	0
					Lemon, p	3	1	0	1
					Christop'r, p	0	0	0	0
					b-Peck	1	1	0	0
Totals	33	6	27	15	Totals	34	10	27	6

Thurs.

a-popped out for Hegan in 9th.
b-Singled for Christopher in 9th.

PHILADELPHIA	000	020	020	—4
CLEVLAND	002	001	000	—3

Runs—McCosky, R. Coleman, Chapman, Suder, Clark, Gordon, Lemon.

E—Joost, Doby. RBI—Clark 2, Rosar, McCosky. 2B—Doby, Lemon. HR—Clark. Sac.—Clark, Keltner. DP—Gordon-Robinson-Suder; Joost-York. Left—Philadelphia 5, Cleveland 7. BB—Fowler 1, Lemon 3. SO—Fowler 1, Lemon 3. Hits—off Lemon 6 in 7 1-3; Christopher 0 in 1 2-3. Loser—Lemon. Umpires—Summers, Jones, Stevens. Time—2:05. Attendance—23,843.

Dodger 'Pros' Back, But Braves Triumph Again 3-2

Daily Worker New York. N.Y.

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Wed. 4-28-48

BOSTON, April 27.—Leo Durocher drastically shook up the Dodger lineup here today, but the staggering league champions went down to another defeat, losing to the Braves 3-2 for a sweep of the short series. Bob Elliott, back at third for the Braves, lashed out a home run and two singles to drive in all the runs against Rex Barney, who lost his second. Red Barrett, the ancient "nothing ball" hurler, squeezed through, yielding six hits while the Braves could collect but four off Barney in six innings and none off Irv Palica, who finished. It was the second straight near flawless relief performance by the young righthander and marks him for a starting role soon along with Willard Ramsdell.

John Jorgensen

The game marked the return to the lineup of Jackie Robinson and the starting debuts of Pete Reiser, Johnny Jorgenson and Roy Campanella. Snider, Cox and Mauch hit the bench. 4-28-48

Barney walked Russell and Torgerson in the first and Elliott singled for the first run. In the third Torgerson again strolled and the league's Most Valuable player belted one over the left field wall.

The Dodgers broke the ice in the 4th when Arky Vaughan doubled and Preston Ward singled him over. In the 7th the dying rally fell short of tying by one as Campanella walked, pinch hitter Hermanski singled him to third and Robinson grounded out to send him across.

The Dodgers return to Ebbets Field today, where Harry Taylor will try to beat the league leading Giants again.

The Box Score

Brooklyn	ab	r	h	po	a	Boston	ab	r	h	po	a
Robnsn,2b	4	0	0	2	3	Stanky,2b	4	0	0	1	5
Jrgnsen,3b	4	0	1	3	1	Russell,cf	3	1	0	1	0
Reiser,cf	4	0	1	1	0	Trgeson,1b	1	0	0	15	0
Vaughan,lf	4	1	1	3	0	Elliott,3b	4	1	3	1	3
Reese,ss	2	0	1	2	2	Heath,rf	3	0	0	1	0
b-Miksis,ss	0	0	0	0	1	Litwhiler,lf	2	0	0	2	0
Ward,1b	4	0	1	7	1	Salkeld,c	2	0	1	2	1
Whitmn,rf	4	0	0	5	0	Dark,ss	3	0	0	2	3
Cmpnella,c	3	1	0	1	0	Barrett,p	3	0	0	2	2
Barney,p	2	0	0	0	1						
a-Hrmnski	1	0	1	0	0						
Palica,p	0	0	0	0	0						
Totals	33	2	6	24	9	Totals	25	3	4	27	14

a-Singled for Barney in 7th
b-Ran for Reese in 8th
c-Grounded out for Palica in 9th

Score by innings:

Brooklyn	000	100	100	—2
Boston	102	000	00x	—3

Errors, Robinson. Runs batted in—Ward, Robinson, Elliott 3. Two base hit—Vaughan. Home run—Elliott. Sacrifice—Heath. Double plays—Robinson to Reese to Ward; Miksis to Robinson to Ward. Left on bases—Brooklyn 7, Boston 5. Base on balls—Off Barney 5, Palica 1, Barrett 3. Struck out—by Barney 1, Barrett 3. Hits and runs off—Barney 4 and 3 in 6 innings; off Palica 0 and 0 in 2 innings. Losing pitcher—Barney.

Time—1:54. Attendance—6,992.

did the damage for the winners.

WAIVERS have been asked on Cookie Lavagetto, 1947 World Series hero, preparatory to giving him his release as a free agent. Cookie, 34, thinks he can hook up with another club and still do some good.

DODGERS WIN 9-6, LOSE 2-0

Daily Worker New York.

PHILADELPHIA, May 2.—Before a crowd of 37,861, the Phillies gained an even split with the Brooklyn Dodgers here today, winning the nightcap 2-0 behind the brilliant four hit hurling of veteran southpaw Ken Heintzelman. The Dodgers won the series three out of four and left for St. Louis where they open their Western swing Tuesday.

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A revised Dodger lineup, featuring the return of Carl Furillo and young Duke Snider to the outfield in place of Whitman and Vaughan, pounded its way to a 9-6 victory in the opener. Dutch Leonard was chased in the first for the second time this series and Curt Simmons, 18 year old whiz, was rapped hard.

Snider led the attack with two homers, a triple and a single, driving in five runs and showing some of the "Ted Williams" potential he has been credited with. Jackie Robinson, who had a big series here as usual, clouted a three run homer in the second off Simmons and added a single and triple. Furillo clicked off three safeties.

Rex Barney was credited with the victory though he was chased in the sixth. Hugh Casey couldn't stop the Phils either, but big Ralph Branca did.

Mon. 5-3-48

Preacher Roe, in his second start, pitched well in the nightcap, but the Dodgers could do little with Heintzelman. Ennis and Hamner

Dodgers' First

Bklyn	ab	r	h	o	a	Phil.	ab	r	h	o	a
Rbson, 2b	5	1	3	3	2	Cbllero, 3b	4	1	1	2	1
Jgenson, 3b	5	1	0	1	0	Ashburn, cf	5	2	3	2	1
Reiser, cf-lf	3	1	0	2	0	Blatnik, lf	5	0	3	1	0
Lund, lf	1	0	0	1	0	Haas, 1b	4	0	1	7	2
Hmanski, lf	0	0	0	0	0	Ennis, rf	4	0	1	3	0
Furillo, cf	4	2	3	7	0	Seminick, c	3	0	0	10	0
Snider, rf	5	2	4	1	0	a-Padgett	0	0	0	0	0
Ward, 1b	4	0	1	3	1	Hamner, ss	4	1	1	1	3
Cox, ss	3	1	1	2	4	Verban, 2b	5	1	2	1	4
Bragan, c	3	0	0	6	1	Leonard, p	0	0	0	0	0
Barney, p	2	1	1	0	0	Simmons, p	1	0	0	0	2
Casey, p	2	0	0	0	0	b-Walker	1	1	1	0	0
Branca, p	0	0	0	1	1	Porto, p	0	0	0	0	0
						c-Sisler	1	0	0	0	0
						Heuser, p	0	0	0	0	0
						d-Rowell	1	0	0	0	

Dodgers Waive $8,000 From Exhibition

Memphis World Memphis, Tenn.

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Fri. 7-23-48

BROOKLYN, N. Y. (SNS)—Proof that Jackie Robinson is one of the biggest drawing cards in Organized Ball was seen in the action of the Brooklyn Dodgers in waiving $8,000 which was their share of a game played July 12 between the Montreal Royals and Brooklyn because of the "Jackie Robinson incident."

Montreal fans were angered when Robinson, startdusted infielder, who broke into organized baseball with the Royals two years ago, made only a brief appearance at bat in the exhibition between the Dodgers and Royals. Montreal won 15-8.

Explaining the reason Jackie Robinson failed to appear before fans in that city where his sensational play projected him into the majors Coach Clyde Sukeforth, handling the Dodgers said he acted on orders of Leo Durocher then manager, because Jackie Robinson was suffering from a sore back. Fans, unwilling to accept this explanation almost wrecked the park, causing Robinson to be reinstated in the game at second base.

Hector H. Racine, Montreal Club president, announced that the money waived by the Dodgers will be devoted to encouraging and equipping amateur leagues and sandlot baseball in the Montreal district.

Since this game was played Durocher has been signed to manage the New York Giants baseball team.

Waiving of the $8,000 was authorized in a telegram from Branch Rickey, president of the Dodgers who said: "The handling of Player Robinson was most regrettable.

Dodgers Win Over Reds, 5-4

Montgomery Advertiser

Pinch Hitter Drives In Winning Run In Ninth

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Wed. 6-16-48

BROOKLYN —(AP)— Four Cincinnati errors and two passed balls helped the Brooklyn Dodgers defeat the Reds, 5-4 yesterday.

Pinch-hitter Preston Ward drove in the winning run in the ninth inning when he flied out with one down and the bases loaded.

Pee Wee Reese singled to open the Dodger ninth and raced to third when pitcher Harry Gumbert threw Gil Hodges' bunt into center field. Billy Cox was intentionally passed, loading the bases. Dick Whitman batted for Ed Miksis and forced Reese at the plate but Ward then lifted to centerfielder Johnny Wyrostek and Hodges beat the throw to the plate for the winning run.

6-16-48

CINCINNATI	ab.	h.	po.	a.	BROOKLYN	ab.	h.	po.	a.
Wyrostek,cf	3	2	5	0	Rackley,lf	3	2	2	0
Corbitt,2b	3	0	6	1	Robinson,1b	4	0	10	1
bKluszewski	1	0	0	0	Hermnski,rf	4	1	3	0
Gumbert,p	1	0	0	0	Furillo,cf	4	1	2	0
Hatton,3b	3	1	1	2	Reese,ss	5	1	3	3
Sauer,lf	4	1	0	0	Hodges,c	4	0	3	0
Litwhiler,rf	3	0	2	1	Brown,3b	2	0	1	2
Young,1b	4	1	6	1	dVaughan	1	1	0	0
Stallcup,ss	4	0	0	4	Cox,3b	1	0	0	0
Lamanno,c	4	1	5	1	Miksis,2b	4	2	3	3
Wehmeier,p	2	0	0	1	eWhitman	1	0	0	0
aBaumholtz	1	0	0	0	Taylor,p	3	1	0	4
Zientara,2b	0	0	1	1	Ramsdell,p	0	0	0	0
					fWard	1	0	0	0
Totals	33	6	c26	12	Total	37	11	27	13

aGrounded out for Wehmeier in 8th.
bLined out for Corbitt in 8th.
cTwo out when winning run was scored.
dSingled for Brown in 6th.
eHit into force play for Miksis in 9th.
fFlied out for Ramsdell in 9th.

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Summary — Runs: Myrostek, Corbitt, Litwhiler, Young, Rackley, Hodges 2, Cox, Taylor. Errors: Wyrostek, Stallcup, Brown, Gumbert. Runs batted in: Hermanski, Sauer 2, Vaughan, Robinson 2, Stallcup, Lamanno, Ward. Two-base hits: Rackley, Sauer, Robinson, Young. Stolen base: Miksis. Double plays: Brown to Miksis to Robinson; Hatton to Corbitt to Young; Litwhiler to Young. Left on bases: Cincinnati 7, Brooklyn 14. Bases on balls: Off Wehmeier 4, Gumbert 4, Taylor 5. Struck out: By Wehmeier 2, Taylor 3.

Dodgers Take Two From Bucs 6-2, 8-6

Courier Journal Louisville, Ky.

Robinson's Homer Wins First Tilt

Fri. 6-25-48

Brooklyn, June 24 (AP)—Jackie Robinson went on a batting rampage today, banging out seven hits including six in a row to spark the Brooklyn Dodgers to 6-2 and 8-6 triumphs over the Pittsburgh Pirates. The second game was called after the top of the eighth inning because of darkness.

Robinson won the first game when he homered with the bases loaded and two were out in the ninth inning. In the second, Robinson pounded out two doubles and two singles in as many trips to the plate and drove in two runs and scored three.

LIFTED 6-25-48

Rookie Bob Chesnes had a 2-0 shutout going into the eighth inning of the opener when the Dodgers scored twice on two walks, a single, fly out and error to tie the count.

Chesnes walked the first batter he faced in the ninth and after Tom Brown sacrificed, Chesnes was lifted in favor of Mel Queen. Queen walked the next two batters and then delivered a home run ball to Robinson.

In the nightcap, Rex Barney held the Pirates hitless for six innings but the Pirates drove him from the mound in the seventh.

FIRST GAME

Pittsb'h	ab.	h.	po.	a.	Brookl'n	ab.	h.	po.	a.
Rojek s	4	0	1	3	Whitman r	4	0	2	0
Gustine 3	5	1	3	1	Cox 3-2	3	0	0	1
Hopp m	4	3	1	0	Robins'n 1b	5	3	9	0
Kiner l	3	0	3	0	Furillo m	4	1	3	0
Walker r	3	1	4	0	Reese s	2	0	2	5
West 1b	3	0	7	1	Hermans'i l	4	0	3	1
Murtaugh 2	3	1	3	3	Hodges c	3	2	3	1
J. Riddle c	4	1	4	1	Miksis 2	2	0	4	2
Chesnes p	3	1	0	1	‡Vaughan	1	0	0	0
Queen p	0	0	0	0	Brown 3	0	0	1	0
Totals	32	8	*26	10	Taylor p	1	0	0	1
					†Rackley	1	0	0	0
					Minner p	0	0	0	1
					§Edwards	0	0	0	0
					Ramsdell p	0	0	0	0
					¶Ward	0	0	0	0
					Totals	30	6	27	12

*Two out when winning run scored.
†B for Taylor in 5th.
‡B for Miksis in 7th.
§B for Minner in 8.
¶B for Ramsdell 9.

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Brooklyn	000	000	024	— 6

E—Hodges, Murtaugh. RBI—Gustine, Hopp, Furillo, Robinson 4. 3BH—Hopp. HR—Robinson. SB—Reese Sac—Rojek, Brown. DP—Miksis, Reese and Robinson. LOB—Pittsburgh 9, Brooklyn 7. BB—Chesnes 6, Queen 2, Taylor 3, Minner 2. SO—Chesnes 4, Ramsdell 1. H—Chesnes 5 in 8 1/3, Queen 1 in 1/3, Taylor 6 in 5, Minner 2 in 3, Ramsdell 0 in 1. WP—Ramsdell. LP—Chesnes.

Statement By J. B. Martin, President Of The Negro American League On The Status Of The Negro In Baseball

In the past few months a great many people have been speaking aloud relative to Jackie Robinson, "Brooklyn Dodgers' first baseman." and his effects on Negro baseball. Some seem to think that Robinson's going up into the Major League has and will continue to hurt Negro baseball, while others believe his advancement will be a great help to the Sepia game. I heartily concur with those who think it will benefit Negro baseball. It is to be recalled that ever since Branch Rickey signed Jackie Robinson to a contract, sent him to him farm team at Montreal, and later placed him on the Brooklyn Dodger team, just since such time have more Negroes become interested in Negro baseball. Many have

DR. J. B. MARTIN

thought inwardly and acted outwardly by attending almost their first Negro baseball game with the inner thought that if the Negro Leagues can produce players good enough for the Major Leagues, surely they are good enough for "us to watch" while they are members of the Negro Leagues. Mind you, thousands of these "New Fans" would not have attended Negro games the past season had Robinson not aroused their curiosity.

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We must admit, however that parctically the same thousands of new fans along with the regulars attended white games where Robinson performed and a large number of white fans were seen at Negro games, seemingly with the same thought as the new Negro fans. Yes, Jackie Robinson has helped Negro baseball. On the financial side, few Negro teams have benefited by Robinson opening the gate into the Majors when Ritchey of the Chicago American Giants, Campanella of the Baltimore Elite Giants, Thompson and Brown of the Kansas City Monarchs, Bankhead of the Memphis Red Sox and Doby of the Newark Eagles and others, were sold to Major League Clubs.

It will reiterate, yes Robinson has helped Negro baseball in many ways. It has created greater interest on the part of the young players he has left behind to so improve their performance that some day a scout may walk up, pat him on the shoulder and say "we can use you." I predict more boys playing baseball on lots, I see Negro schools and colleges placing baseball on the curriculum. The athlete realizes that the game of baseball, like any other business calls for development and intelligence. He knows that a well developed, self-confident player has a chance to secure more cash for a livelihood than a great number of other businesses and professions.

DIFFERENCE IN PAY CHECK

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We will readily admit that there is greater pay in the majors than in the Negro Leagues, however, we would like to stress the fact that the Negro Leagues have been paying their player from $300.00 to $1,000.00 per month plus traveling expenses which is not "hay" when you make up the payroll. I mention this fact in order to clarify former reports that Negro players are half paid. I would like to recall the statement made by Jackie Robinson sometime ago that he made practically as much playing for the Kansas City Monarchs as he received in 1947, his first year in the Majors. Negro players are not just promised their money they get their money when it is due.

Jackie Robinson has also created a great enthusiastic spirit in Negro Baseball among the team owners both from a sport and financial point of view. From the sports standpoint of view, the owners are more than happy to see our boys advance, and we are stepping up our efforts of improvement along all lines with a forward look that our financial lend will be improved at the turnstile by these new fans along with the regular fans, who will attend our games to watch our boys perform with a greater determination and have a chance in their own mind to pick out the player or players whom they think will be the next to go up. The owners and players will then be benefited. The Negro players now have the Jackie Robinson spirit and that is, "Get into the Major Leagues."

Negro American Batting

Journal Guide

Sat 5-29-48

Norfolk Va.

NEW YORK—Catcher Pep Bassett of the Birmingham Black Barons is pacing the batters in the Negro American League with a mark of .419, 19 points ahead of Herb Sorrell, Kansas City Monarchs' third baseman, according to the averages compiled by the Howe News Bureau.

Bassett, who has competed in 12 games, has collected 18 hits in 43 times at bat, three of them being home runs. Ray Neil of the Indianapolis Clowns is third with .394. Joe Colas of Memphis Red Sox is fourth with .390, and Art Wilson for the Birmingham Black Barons completes the heavy-hitting quintet with .385.

Wilson and Ed Steele of Birmingham are tied for runs scored, each tallying 26. Wilson also has gotten the most hits, 35. Willie Brown of the Kansas City Monarchs is the current home run leader with eight.

Bill Powell of Birmingham set the pace among the pitchers with five straight victories.

The top ten in Negro American League batting are as follows:

	Pos.	G	AB	R	H	HR	SB	RBI	Pct.
Smith, KC	p	6	16	4	8	0	1	6	.500
Bassett, Birm.	c	12	43	6	18	3	0	14	.419
Sorrell, KC	3b	17	60	13	24	1	3	5	.400
Neil, Ind.	2b	17	66	13	26	1	3	17	.394
Colas, Mem.	of	10	41	6	16	2	1	7	.390
Wilson, Birm.	ss	22	91	26	35	0	2	12	.385
Nelson, Clev..	3b	10	21	3	8	1	0	4	.381
Brewer, Cleve.	p	6	8	2	3	0	0	0	.375
Scott, KC	of	16	60	11	22	2	4	10	.367
Grace, Clev.	of	18	71	15	26	0	3	14	.366

Negro National Batting

Journal Guide

NEW YORK—Boasting a round .500 batting average after four games played and 8 times at bat, Brown of the Philadelphia Stars is currently leading in Negro National League batting. Thompson of the Homestead Grays, however, is also boasting a .500 after four games with only 6 times a bat.

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Neither of the two top batters in the loop has clouted a circuit hit, while Buck Leonard of the Grays has five homers to his credit, 15 hits in 34 times a bat in nine games; and nine runs.

The top ten in Negro National League batting as of May 26 were:

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	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	SB	PC.
Brown, Philadelphia	[illegible]	8	2	4	0	1	0	.500
Thompson, Homestead	4	6	1	3	0	0	0	.500
Scantlebury, N. Y. Cubans	6	15	4	7	0	3	0	.467
Byrd, Baltimore	5	11	0	5	0	0	0	.455
Leonard, Homestead	9	34	9	15	5	9	0	.441
Crowe, N. Y. Black Yankees	7	26	5	11	0	3	0	.423
Harvey, Newark	10	38	4	16	0	10	0	.421
Easter, Homestead	11	40	8	16	2	11	0	.400
Duckett, Philadelphia	11	39	9	15	0	4	2	.385
Heffner, N. Y. Black Yanks	11	42	8	16	0	3	3	.381

Standings of the Negro National League member-teams as of May 26 were as follows:

	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	SB	PC.	SO
Homestead Grays	11	377	59	114	8	35	9	.302	0
Phila. Stars	11	385	61	111	2	58	13	.288	1
New York Cubans	12	412	61	110	3	57	8	.267	0
Balt. Elite Giants	15	503	75	134	3	62	8	.266	0
Newark Eagles	10	347	50	82	5	42	10	.237	0
N. Y. Black Yanks	11	380	35	82	2	32	3	.216	4

the SPORTS WINDOW

by JACK SAUNDERS

Pittsburgh Courier

Don't Let Negro Baseball Die!

I pride myself with being a staunch supporter of Satchel Paige Jackie Robinson, Larry Doby and Roy Campanella. I'm praying that Don Newcombe, Dan Bankhead and Sammy Jethroe get major league calls next year. BUT—

For God's sake, fans, don't let Negro baseball die! I know you are proud, happy and excited over the meteoric success of Paige, Robinson, Doby, Campanella et al. I know that you want to see them play and will do everything in your power to get tickets to be able to be among the thousands attending the games they appear in. That, I can find no fault with. I, too, make a bee-line for Shibe Park whenever the Dodgers and Indians come to town. I get just as big a kick out of seeing old "Satch" fan an infuriated batter as the next guy. I stick my chest out and grin just as hard as the guy next to me when Robinson steals a base, or when Campanella pegs out a runner, or when Doby dumps one into the bleachers.

The Courier

Sat 9-4-48

Still I'm not so wrapped up in big league baseball that I've lost interest in Negro baseball! That, I shall never do; my conscious, and my desire to support all Negro enterprises, won't permit me to.

Anyway, there are still enough good Negro baseball teams around to give me my money's worth. And the success of Paige, Robinson, Campanella, Doby and the other Negroes who are making the grade in organized baseball, proves that the teams they played with had to be good or they never would have been good enough to make the Dodgers and the Indians; or Montreal, St. Paul, and Nashua, either, for that matter. Paige and Robinson went up from the Kansas City Monarchs, Campanella from the Baltimore Elite Giants, Doby from the Newark Eagles, and Jethro from the Birmingham Black Barons. Those teams are still active, and in their lineups are other players who are good enough to play with the white clubs.

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But if Negro fans don't start supporting those teams again, they will fold up! They can't keep going by playing to crowds of 1,700, 1,200, 900 and 700 in big parks like the Yankee Stadium, Shibe Park, the Polo Grounds and Comiskey Park. Rental of those parks cost big money. Transporting the teams from city to city cost big money. Uniforms, shoes, bats, balls and gloves cost big money. Hotel bills cost big money. The players have to eat, sleep and take care of their families. That cost big money.

Last Monday night four ranking teams of the Negro National League played a doubleheader at Shibe Park. The Newark Eagles played the Baltimore Elite Giants in the opener, the Philadelphia Stars played the Homestead Grays in the finale. Shibe Park, with a seating capacity of 34,000, looked almost as empty as Mother Hubbard's cupboard. I judged the crowd to be about 1,700.

"This is awful," said a league official, shaking his head with dismay. "If this keeps up we'll be lucky to finish out the season."

"How are the teams drawing in Washington, New York, Baltimore, and Newark?" I asked him.

"Terrible," he said sadly. "It's just awful. The Grays played in Washington last Sunday. Nine hundred. The Eagles played in Newark one day last week. Twelve hundred. The Elites played in Baltimore Saturday. Seven hundred."

"What do you attribute it to?" was my next question.

"Are you kidding?" he said. "You know as well, if not better than I do what it is that is killing Negro baseball. Understand me, now, Saunders," he continued, "I'm pulling just as hard for Satch, Jackie, "Campy" and Doby as the next guy, but, hell, I don't think Negro fans should forget about Negro baseball entirely."

I agreed with the official and told him so. Then I asked him if he thought anything could be done to revive interest in Negro baseball.

"If I did know of anything you don't think I'd be here crying the blues to you, do you?" he answered.

"No, I don't guess you would," I told him.

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The way I see it, Negro fans are doing Negro baseball, future Negro stars and potential major leaguers a great injustice by withdrawing their support. For if the Negro teams are forced to curtail activities due to inability to meet expenses, the hopes of hundreds of Negro aspirants for major league careers will be doomed. How will major league scouts be able to look over Negro material if there are no Negro teams playing? How will future Paiges, Robinsons, Dobys and Campanellas be able to learn the fundamentals of baseball and gain the preliminary experience if there are no Negro teams playing?

Right now 90 per cent of the big league owners are thinking seriously of adding Negro players to their rosters. Organized baseball is big business, and the club owners realize that when Robinson can do at the gate what he did for Brooklyn, and when Paige can do at the gate what he is doing for Cleveland, others might do almost as well.

Sat 9-4-48

It will, therefore, be only a matter of time before every team in both the National and American League will have at least one Negro player—that is, if they're able to get them! Think that over, fans. Would you not rather see eighteen Negroes in the major league than four? You would! Then get on out there and support your Negro teams. Give them the financial backing they need to keep going. Let them know that you have not forgotten them entirely!

If the Kansas City Monarchs had been forced to throw in the sponge for want of support four years ago, there would still be no Negroes in the major leagues. Branch Rickey wouldn't have been able to buy Jackie Robinson and give him the chance to make good. Jackie Robinson wouldn't have been able to make good and pave the way for Doby, Campanella, Paige, Newcombe, Bankhead, Jethroe and all the rest.

So, for God's sake, fan—don't let Negro baseball die. It means too much to the American way of life.

AMERICAN GIANTS TO OBSERVE 36TH ANNIVERSARY IN BASEBTLL

St. Louis Argus

Days Of Late Rube Foster Recalled

St. Louis, MO.

CHICAGO—(ANP)—The Chicago American Giants will observe their 36th anniversary in Negro baseball here Sunday, July 25, in special ceremonies at Comiskey park. The Giants will play the Kansas City Monarchs at Sportsman's Park Aug. 17 as a feature attraction during the Shriners Convention. 7-23-48

The program, which will begin at 12 noon, will present all the living members of American Giants teams of the past. The Omay band will furnish the music and the Elks drill team and Boy Scouts troops will perform.

"Miss Memphis Red Sox" (Miss Bessie Hooks) and queen of Booker T. Washington high of Memphis, and "Miss Chicago American Giants'" will be presented at the program. The affair will honor the late Andrew "Rube" Foster, "father of organized Negro baseball."

Fri. 7-23-48

In the course of the afternoon the Giants will engage the Memphis Red Sox in a league double header.

Negro baseball as recorded began in Chicago in 1887, and such teams as the Chicago Union Giants, Chicago Leland Giants and Chicago Columbia Giants played in this city. Foster named the American Giants in 1912.

Mrs. June Parker heads the contest committee to determine "Miss Chicago American Giants of 1948." 7-23-48

Mny out of town guests are expected to attend. The Memphis entourage headed by Dr. B. B. Martin will be the largest group. Others heading this group will be Sam Brown, Dr. W. B. Martin and Matty Brasher. Other delegations will be from New Orleans headed by Allen Paige; Omaha headed by Walter Seals and Son Tolan, and Birmingham with W. M. Poindexter. 7-23-48

What They Are Doing

The Courier

Pittsburgh, Pa.

NATE MORELAND—Pitcher
El Centro Imperials, Sunset League

W	L	IP	H	R	BB	SO	Pct.
13	1	104	85	37	34	71	.929

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ROY CAMPANELLA—Catcher
Brooklyn Dodgers, National League

G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	Pct.
3	12	5	9	1	1	2	4	0	.750

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DON NEWCOMBE—Pitcher
Montreal, International League

W	L	IP	H	W	R	SO	Pct.
7	3	78	89	41	43	53	.700

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JACKIE ROBINSON—Infielder
Brooklyn Dodgers, National League

G.	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	Pct.
57	208	33	63	17	2	3	34	3	.303

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LARRY DOBY—Outfielder
Cleveland Indians, American League

G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	SB	Pct.
43	154	28	44	6	21	1	.286

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DAN BANKHEAD—Pitcher
Nashua Dodgers, New England League

G	IP	R	H	HR	SO	W	L	Pct.
14	92	34	66	5	100	6	4	.600

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ENRIQUE FIGUERA—Pitcher and Utility
Portchester, Colonial League

G.	AB.	R.	H.	HR.	SB.	Pct.
14	13	2	7	0	0	.538

Pitching Record

G.	IP.	H.	BB.	SO.	W.	L.	Pct.
8	17	15	28	8	2	1	.667

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CARLOS SANTIAGO—Infielder
Portchester, Colonial League

G.	AB.	R.	H.	HR.	SB.	Pct.
26	83	15	21	0	4	.253

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CARLOS BERNIER—Outfielder

G.	AB.	R.	H.	HR.	SB.	Pct.
34	112	21	23	1	5	.205

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NATE MORELAND—Pitcher
El Centro Imperials, Sunset League

W.	L.	IP.	H.	R.	BB.	SO.	Pct.
10	1	77	66	27	21	51	.909

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JOHN RITCHEY
San Diego Padres, Pacific Coast League

G.	AB.	R.	H.	RBI.	2B.	SB.	Pct.
45	54	11	18	9	1	0	.333

POWELL, BEST HURLER IN NEGRO AMERICAN LEAGUE, UNDERRATED

The Black Dispatch

Oklahoma City, Okla.

BIRMINGHAM — (ANP) — The best hurler in the Negro American league is William "Bill" Powell, ace pitcher of the Birmingham Black Barons seven-deep, star-studded hurling staff, who during his first season's play last year topped all league pitchers with a 1,000 percentage pitching record. But, strange as it may seem, Powell is not rated at the top of the heap.

According to the official and final release from Howe News bureau for 1947, Powell has a 7-0 record for the season. However, by Powell's admission, which is supported by Tommy Sampson, Barons' 1947 manager, and other teammates, 19 victories were chalked up by the elongated right hander. The catch in the official report is that the Negro American league tabs certain of their games as "exhibition" matches.

The national press made much of the fact that Vibert Clark made a 13-2 record pitching for the Cleveland Buckeyes, and also Jim LeMarkque of Kansas City for his 11-3 record, but did not mention Powell. Sat. 6-5-48

Last week, however, the Birmingham World saluted Powell during his second year's pitching. So far, the Barons' ace has a 5-0 record, which is tops for all hurlers in the circuit. Sat.

Big league material, Powell has speed, baseball savvy, confidence in himself and his teammates. His swift breaking curve ball can be carefully delivered from many angles, as is his strikeout ball. His sole weakness is in bases on ball, arising from the fact that he is a "spot" pitcher. Above all, Powell does not ruffle under adverse conditions, for he is at his bests with men on base. Coupled with a will to win, the Barons' ace succeeds in wringing victory from apparent defeat. 6-5-48

Paige Chased As Indians, Bosox Tangle

Post, Washington, D.C.

Sat. 8-25-48

Washington, D.C.

Boston, Aug. 24 (AP).—In a pennant-chargedatmosphere the front-running Cleveland Indians and Boston Red Sox plyaed before a packed Fenway Park crowd tonight with American League's first place at stake.

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The Red Sox beat Cleveland, 9-8. 8-25-48

Some 34,000 jammed the park and an estimated 18,000 were turned away as 8500 bleacher seats, oniy ones not sold days ago, were cleaned out of the ticket windows an hour and 40 minutes before the game began. 8-25-48

The fabulous Satchel Paige, veteran rookie Negro right-hander, started for Cleveland and was knocked out of the game by the Sox in the third inning.

The Sox scored first when they got a run on Bobby Doerr's single and Billy Goodman's line double in the left field corner, in the second inning.

Dobson Rocked

Joe Dobson, whose last triumph was a 3-0 shutout over the Indians July 25, was roughed up for three runs by the Clevelanders in the third.

With two out Dale Mitchell and Allie Clark singled in succession and Lou Boudreau doubled off the left field wall for one run.

Ken Keltner beat out a hit in back of second which Vern Stephens grabbed, but threw by first for an error as Boudreau scored after Clark.

Dobson was ticked on the sleeve by Paige's first pitch in the third and scored when Dom DiMaggio tripled to deep center. Dom scored after Johnny Pesky flied out. As soon as Ted Williams and Vern Stephens lined out singles, Boudreau waved in Steve Gromek to replace Paige.

The Indians made it 4-3 in their fourth on Larry Dob's triple off the center field wall, high above the leaping DiMaggio and a fly to deep center by Eddie Robinson.

Clark Lines One

Mitchell singled past the diving Stephens into center to begin the Cleveland fifth and took third on Allie Clark's hump back liner into center. 8-25-48

Lou Boudreau lined a hot smash toward left which bounced off the upstretched glove of Johnny Pesky. Stephens grabbed the ball and flung it to Bobby Doerr, forcing Clark and stealing a hit from the Cleveland manager.

Ken Keltner stroked a liner into left which Ted Williams grabbed in his crossed-over gloved hand just before bumping into the grand stand wall, which is but a foot or so from the foul line.

Mitchell scored after the catch. Williams then made another fine running catch at the expense of Joe Gordon to end the Indian inning.

WHAT THEY ARE DOING

The Courier

Sat 8-7-48

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Fielding Record

	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	Pct.
ROY CAMPANELLA—Catcher, Dodgers, National League	27	106	16	27	5	1	4	21	1	.255
JACKIE ROBINSON—Infielder, Dodgers, National League	82	317	60	97	24	3	5	53	5	.306
LARRY DOBY—Outfielder, Cleveland, American League	64	224	42	63			7	33	3	.281
CARLOS SANTIAGO—Infielder, Stamford, Colonial League	67	254	38	68			3			.268
CARLOS BERNIER—Outfielder, Stamford, Colonial League	65	193	50	48			2			.249
JOHN RITCHEY—San Diego Padres, Pacific Coast League	62	103	20	37			2			.359
SAM JETHROE—Outfielder, Montreal, International League	7	41	7	12			1			.293
ALFONSO THOMAS—Outfielder, Wilkes-Barre, N. E. League	12	41	3	11			0			.268

Pitching Record

	G	IP	R	H	W	SO	W	L	Pct.
DAN BANKHEAD—Pitcher, Dodgers, New England League		151		90		175	14	5	.737
DON NEWCOMBE—Pitcher, Montreal, International League		107		115		82	10	4	.714
SATCHEL PAIGE—Pitcher, Cleveland, American League	8	18	7	14	4	10	1	1	.500

St. Louis Argus

PLAYS WITH LEGION BOYS TEAM IN TEXAS; OFFICIALS APPROVE

LUBBOCK, Tex.—(ANP) --A 16 year old schoolboy Negro pitcher, Bill Moody, has created a stir among white parents because he is a member of the Littlefield Junior Legion baseball team.

Last week officials of both the American Legion posts of Lubbock and Littlefield here backed up the use of the colored boy as the Lubbock team forfeited its game when it heard of the Negro player.

Elmer Tarbox of Lubbock ruled that the Littlefield team could use Moody. Tarbox is chairman of district two of the Legion baseball league here.

BIRMINGHAM BLACK BARONS WIN AMERICAN LEAGUE 1ST HALF

St Louis Argus
Friday 7-16-48

Will Test East's Nine On Tour.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—(NNPA)—The Birmingham Black Barons tripped the Memphis Red Sox twice, 10-9 and 8-5, to sweep a twin bill at Rickwood Field before an estimated 5,000 fans.

Birmingham has won 41 and lost 15 games to sew up the flag for the first half of the Negro American League race. They are out front by seven games in the league.

In the seven inning nightcap, Bill Powell, Black Barons ace, scattered nine hits as the Barons closed the first half by slapping two Memphis tossers for nine bingles good for eight runs and victory. Art Wilson with an inside the park homer, Ed Steele with a perfect two-for-two and Piper Davis who hit a homer over the 407 marker, led the Ebony Baron assault.

The win for Powell was his ninth of the season. He has suffered a lone setback.

Birmingham's Black Barons are only tops in the Negro American League standings, but they also lead all clubs in hitting and fielding, too.

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In addition, Birmingham's Art Wilson is also the leading individual hitter with a sizzling mark of .412, in addition of scoring the most runs, 54, and collecting the highest number of hits, 93.

This isn't all. Birmingham's Piper Davis is the next best batsman with .373, according to avereges just released by Howe News Bureau, which also shows Davis as having the most total bases with 118, and sharing the honors with Cleveland's Arch Ware for knocking out doubles at 15.

Kansas City's Willard Brown, is the top home run hitter with 15 and has driven in the most runs, 49.

Fastest man in the circuit, until proven otherwise, is Cleveland's Sam Jethroe, who has swiped 27 bases.

TEAM STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	Pct.
Birmingham	36	14	.720
Cleveland	29	20	.592
Kansas City	22	18	.550
Chicago	19	28	.404
Indianapolis	19	31	.380
Memphis	12	26	.316

Dodger Personnel Mixup Could Affect Status Of First Sacker

Durocher Puts New Man On Second; Keeps Robbie On First; Stanky Sold To Braves

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Special to Journal and Guide

CUIDAD TRUJILLO, Dominican
Brooklyn Dodger first baseman, was
for spring drills at the Dodger base

year" for 1947, and top sophonore in the ranks of the Flatbush tribe, hit the camp weighular playing weight of 200.

JACKIE ROBINSON

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Republic—Jackie Robinson, the loudly hailed when he reported here last Thursday.

His playing-mate, Eddie Stanky, was traded to the Boston Braves the next day causing some observers to believe that the man Dodger Owner Rickey had called the "world's best second baseman playing first" would move to the keystone bag.

The intention, however was squashed as Leo Durocher revealed that Robinson would stay at first.

Upon his arrival at the Dodger camp base, Jackie became an immediate hit with the local "senores and senoritas" who refer to him as "fenonemo" an expression meaning "great, sensational" or other terms to wit.

15 POUNDS OVERWEIGHT

The Brooklyn "Rookie of the

White Sox Needs Negro Player Like Larry Doby!

Defender

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Chicago Ill

BY WILLIAM WARREN

The Chicago White Sox, as this is written, have won one game and lost six. There have been so poor clubs at the 35th and Shields Ave. stadium known as Comiskey Park. This year's team starts out like the White Sox of the past few years.

Sat. 5-8-48

Negro and white fans who have been loyal to the Chicago American League club want a winning ball club. These fans want to know why the Comiskey family plus Leslie O'Connor, the major domo of the organization doesn't get the color line out of White Sox front office and hire one or two Negro ball players who might make the team a first class outfit.

Small Monday Crowd Sat.

Certainly, the Sox management must have felt kind of all out of sorts when the Negro Chicago American Giants drew a crowd for a Sunday exhibition game nearly as large as the Sox Monday crowd of less than 6,000 who who came out to see the undefeated Cleveland Indians, with Larry Doby, their Negro outfielder, perform at Comiskey park on Monday, April 25.

And it must make the Sox business office a bit jittery when it knows that more than 45,000 see the annual East vs West ball game and any Negro game on a Sunday draws well around the 10,000 mark.

Well, Larry Doby, who was bought by Bill Veeck, president of the Cleveland Indians, from Mrs. Effa Manley of the Newark Eagles on July 1, last year, had a field day as the Indians nosed out the White Sox, 12-11 in 14 wild innings. Larry poled a homer with one on, scored himself to make it two runs driven in, made two singles and had one putout. He went to bat eight times. 5-8-48

But this same Mr. Doby was the drawing card for the Negro fans, many who took a day off, just to see him play. These Negro fans went away buzzing about the farsightedness of Branch Rickey, president of the Brooklyn Dodgers, who signed Jackie Robinson, Roy Campanella, ex-Baltimore Elites catcher; John Wright, Homestead Grays pitcher; Roy Partlow, Philadelphia Stars pitcher; Dan Bankhead, Memphis Red Sox pitcher, and Sammy Gee, Detroit high school boy infielder.

Negro Players Pack E'm In

Robinson and Campanella helped the Dodgers to break park records in Fort Worth where 500 Negroes paid 90 cents each to sit on top of the big levee that protects the ball park from the Trinity river, in Dallas, in Oklahoma City and in Tulsa.

They were the magnet that drew 46,000 on a Monday in New York City and will, as Robinson did last year, continue to pack them in. Last year the National League broke all attendance records. You can figure that the 1947 mark will be outdone this year.

However, the White Sox management is content to sit idly by and watch the dollars flow into the box offices of the National League park and to learn that the opening day crowd at Cleveland was larger than the crowd which saw the White Sox play the Indians there last season and set a record.

Prejudiced Or Fight

The Negro White Sox fans are becoming concerned. They are between two thoughts, i. e., is the Comiskey group downright prejudiced or are they determined not to spend any money for ball players white or black. The White Sox managemnet, ought to have been the first in line as far as the Fair Employment Practices law is concerned. 5-8-48

Their rental of the ball yard to the Chicago American Giants on a Sunday and few weekday night games during the season when the home club is away is done on a percentage basis with about $1,000 guaranteed by Dr. J. B. Martin on a Sunday and $1,500 for a night game because of the lights. But the money from beer, soda, colas, cigars, popcorn, peanuts and other sales do not go to the renters—not even for the East vs West game.

There are nearly 400,000 Negroes in Chicago, enough fans for the Negro leagues and the majors. There are baseball fans who want to see both the Chicago American Giants and the Sox but who will not patronize the Sox any longer because of their refusal to sign a black ball player.

Since this is a day of free thought, we would like to hear from the baseball fans. Write us. Address William Warren, sports department, Chicago Defender, 3435 Indiana ave., Chicago, Ill.

DUSTIN' OFF the NEWS

The Defender

By LUCIUS C. HARPER

We Owe These Three A Debt Of Gratitude

Sat 10-23-48

NOW that the curtain has fallen on baseball thousands of fans of this sport among us should off their hats in tribute to Jacie Robinson, Roy Campanella ad Larry Doby for the exemplry manner in which they conductd themselves on and off the diamond.

Chicago Ill.

Lucius Harper

All through the season, these three, carrying the weight of the whole race on their shoulders have caused us to feel proud of them, and if there are any bouquets to pass around they certainly deserve their share.

One outstanding Negro athlete, regardless of the national sport he engages in, preaches a better sermon to the whites through his good deportment, clean living, and decent behavior—on and off the field— than fifty orators pleading for interracial betterment from as many different platforms.

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And likewise, one outstanding Negro athlete, through his misbehavior, lack of culture and disregard for morals can do us more harm than the same fifty orators could repair in the space of ten or more years. It required some twenty or more years for the Nego to completely recover from the stain and smear that the mistakes of Jack Johnson cast upon the entire race. It was not until the coming of Joe Louis that the conduct of a Negro as world champion was fully redeemed.

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WHETHER it is right or not to condemn an entire race for the conduct of an individual— and we surely know it is not right— the fact remains that in this American world of race prejudice, that standard prevails against us. And those athletes who reach the highest pinnacle of success in interracial competition stand out, not alone, for their sterling athletic attainment, but also wear the honor—through the visions of the whites—as the best representatives of our race. We know, of course, that this is not always true. But to the thousands who cheer them, they seem to appear as idols of the Negro race.

Sat 10-23-48

To Jackie Robinson, who pioneered in the great national sport through the sponsorship of Branch Rickey, we all owe a deep debt of gratitude. Through all the ostracism and insults he endured as the lone representative of the Negro, he has caused us to be proud of his gentlemanly bearings, his clean sportmanship, and his exemplary behavior on and off the field. He is a man of family; he prefers the reading room of the YMCA during his off hours rather than a stool at the corner tavern. He can be found among the cultured element in every city he visits. He has fully justified Branch Rickey's recommendation. He made it possible for other Negroes to follow him.

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Campanella and Doby, realizing the splendid record and pace that Robinson had set for them, are equally deporting themselves as gentlemen and through clean living and good deportment have gained the goodwill and confidence of their managers and teammates.

They, too, seek the best environment and companionship that will reflect credit upon them. These three—Robinson, Campanella and Doby—are making it possible for Bankhead, Newcombe and Jethroe, now under Brooklyn contracts, to follow them in the big leagues.

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ORGANIZED baseball is big business. Men have millions invested in it. The salaries are high. Babe Ruth made more than the President of the United States. It has strict rules and regulations for its players. They must toe the mark. The manager runs the team, not the players. It is not the loosely fit, unregulated organization in which Negro players are now unfortunately forced to get their rookie training. Big league players have definite hours to be in bed at night. They must assemble on time for train schedules; they must appear at the park on time. Rowdyism and unclean living will not be tolerated. They must not train in a tavern, nor must they have a "different wife" in every city they visit. If the Negro baseball player cannot measure up to these requirements, he has no business in organized baseball. Better for the entire race that he remain where he is if he cannot—like Jackie Robinson—be a gentleman, on and off the diamond.

Negro baseball in '48—if any will have tough way to go

The Tribune

Sat 1-24-48

Los Angeles Calif

NEW YORK—Depression and the blues dogged Negro organized baseball all through the 1947 season, but the outlook for the harried, hard-put Negro American and National leagues is even bleaker for the season coming up.

What began as a dread has become a dreadful reality to the 12 owners of league teams: Organized Baseball (major league) isn't a stone's throw from sending Negro baseball (in its present form) to the showers. Reason: the much clamored for opening up of the major league teams to the best Negro ballplayers.

Like Gus Steiger, of the N. Y. Daily Mirror wrote in the December issue of "Sporting News," latter day bible of the baseball clansmen, "It was only a short time ago that the more ardent and liberal thinkers were demanding that the color bar in Organized Baseball be swept away. Now, if anyone has an ear to the ground and said ear is sharp, one can hear murmuring complaints that Organized ball is ruining Negro baseball."

For the owner and the mediocre teamsters on the Negro circuits, Democracy seems to have spawned a Frankenstein monster. Starting with the signing of firstbaseman Jackie Robinson, baseball's rookie of 1947, by the Brooklyn Dodgers, the Negro American league, which plays the western circuit, and the National, its eastern counterpart, felt some really hardtimes. Grim as their 1948 season looks from here, there is rising tide of disinterest among the owners about carrying on.

Sat 1-24-48

During the four war years and the postwar 1946 season, both leagues jumped at the boxoffice, jointly and separately coined more money than they had in all the leagues' get-together. But the boxoffice lode began to run out with the signing of Jackie Robinson with the Montreal Royals, first-line farm team of the Dodgers, and it was as gone as the wind when Robinson was bought up by Branch Rickey to take over firstbase for the hard-pressed Dodgers. The drought at the boxoffice was aggravated even further when the American League Cleveland Indians signed on Larry Doby, a purchase from the Negro 1946 world champion Newark Eagles. Fans who once had the habit of turning out to see the smalltime talents show in Negro baseball, suddenly lost their habit, and started waiting around until Robinson or Doby made it around to their town.

Sign of the league's bad times is best marked by the fact that the 1947 Negro world champion Newark Cubans finished their first championship season $20,000 in the red; in spite of the $15,000 Newark got from the sale of Doby, they, too, dropped about 20 G's; and a fair guess in round figures would have the National league dropping a collective $100,000. The Birmingham Black Barons and the Kansas City Monarchs, headliners of the Negro American circuit, had an even lousier tmie of it, although they would have come nearer breaking even had the St. Louis Browns exercised their option to buy Monarch Willard Brown and Henry Thompson and Birmingham's Lorenzo "Piper" Davis.

The bad fortunes of Negro baseball were loaded with a little reverse English too: all tolled, major league ball parks will lose circa $45,000 in revenues if Negro baseball folds.

Sat 1-24-48

It goes so bad with the Negro Nationals that league president Rev. Johnny Johnson is calling a special session this month with a notion of patching at least up an immediate future for his family. And the likelihood is that American League president Dr. J. B. Martin, of Kansas City, has the same idea up his sleeve.

Robbie Leads Dodgers On Triple Steal

Journal Guide

Sat 8-28-48

BROOKLYN N. Y.—Ever seen a parade at a baseball game — out there around the bases? Well you should have been at Ebbett's Field here last Sunday when the Boston Braves edged the Brooklyn Dodgers 4 to 3.

There was a parade around the bases for the Dodgers with Jackie Robinson Brooklyn second-sacker leading the way on a triple (count 'em—one, two, three) triple base steal.

Norfolk Va

The Robbie-led parade came in the fifth inning as the Dodgers came in on the short end of a 2 to 1 count.

Marv Rackley walked, stole second and scored on Robinson's single, Robinson went to third on Gene Hermanski's hit. Hermanski stole second and an intentional pass to Reese filled the bases.

The Dodgers then engineered a triple steal with Robinson beating Voiselle's pitch to the plate.

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200 Citizens Turn Out to Honor Stars at Fete

The Afro-American

Baltimore, Md. Sat. 11-27-48

Boy Orators Tell Why Dodgers' Players Are Their Heroes; Leaders Pav Tribute

By JAME HICKS

NEW YORK (NNPA)—Dedicating themselves to continue inspiring the nation's youth to higher ideals of manhood, Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella, Brooklyn Dodger baseball stars, became members of the "official" family of the Harlem Branch YMCA at a $5.00 a plate dinner attended by more than 200 prominent citizens.

William Cook of the Boys' Division of the branch, in explaining the work the two Dodgers will perform for the Y, said they would engage in a "daily rubbing of shoulders with the boys in physical activity."

Duties Outlined

Robinson and Campanella will visit Y clubs in Harlem schools, speak at their assemblies, and provide daily instructions to physical education classes at the Y.

They will also form athletic organizations, officiate and serve as coaches and "actually get down and scrimmage a little with the boys at times."

Through this program, Cook pointed out, the influence and inspiration provided by Robinson and Campanella will reach thousands of boys in the Harlem community.

Sat. 11-27-48

Boys Salute Stars

The well planned program was literally "stolen" from the stars by four members of the Y Boys' department who had undergone special training to deliver addresses at the dinner.

They were so effective that Robinson, now a radio announcer and an excellent speaker himself, told the audience he was glad the Y knew him as a mere ballplayer and not as a speaker, in view of the boys' oratorical ability.

Robert Brown told the audience that Robinson and Campanella have proven "beyond the shadow of a doubt that no racial group anywhere in the world is inferior to another."

11-27-48

Greetings From Many

Robinson said in his address that he wanted such a job "for a long time," pointing out that he did not have a YMCA background as a boy because the Y in Pasadena, Calif., where he grew up did not "hold its arms out to him."

Campanella prefaced his remarks by praising Robinson, who always "laid the planks" for him to step on, as an inspiration. Dr. Marshall L. Shepard, Recorder of Deeds, Washington. D.C.; Rudolph J. Thomas, the branch's executive secretary; R. L. Dickinson, executive vice president, Central YMCA, and Dr. Channing H. Tobias, gave brief talks.

Ex-Cleveland Star Clicks for Royals

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The Courier

By SAM MALTIN

MONTREAL — He was just an "in case" member of the Montreal Baseball Club of the International League when he first arrived here. Few heard of Sammy Jethro and the only notes baseball writers were able to pick up on him was that he was recommended by Wendell Smith, sports editor of The Pittsburgh Courier. Jethro was here as the fourth outfielder—and little was expected of him.

Sat 9-18-48

That was in July. Royals were doing well enough, with three of the best outfielders in the loop in Al Gionfriddo, last season's world series hero; Duke Snider and Johnny Simwons. Marv Rackley was just then hauled up to the parent Brooklyn Dodgers and Clay Hopper wanted some insurance with an extra outfielder. There was a great search but none were available and in a desperate move, Jethro was signed to a Montreal contract.

Pittsburgh Pa.

There wasn't much publicity or excitement about the new arrival. The main idea was that the new boy would do as a filler-in.

Jethro played his first game for the Royals on July 9. He got one hit, a scratchy sort. Two days later he was back in a filler-in role, when Duke Snider was rested. In that one he came through with three singles, better than par for any kind of a ball player in any kind of a league, but it was "obvious" that Sammy was no hitter. They were strictly leg hits, easy infield taps that his great running stretched into bingles.

But the fans went for him, as did the baseball writers. His speed was the talk of the town and he was compared with their favorite—Jackie Robinson, as a man on base. His too, was the lead-off spot in the lineup.

On July 12, when Brooklyn Dodgers played an exhibition game here, Jethro stole the show. He came through with an inside-the-park homer.

It was Manager Hopper's notion to use Jethro only against left-handed hurling. Sammy is a switch-hitter. Then in one game Snider, who was back in the line-up got banged up in a collision with teammate Jimmy Bloodworth and was sidelined and Jethro worked regularly.

That was when he went to town with that thrilling speed of his. He chased towering fly balls and his arm held the opposition runners down. He stole bases with ease, and what was more important, proved that his weren't leg hits, slamming doubles and triples with regularity.

Thus with consistent playing, Jethro came into his own. His wasn't a filler-in job any more, but he played regularly from then on.

Sat 9-18-48

In the first 54 games that he has played, a third of a season, he had 75 hits, including 14 two-baggers, led the club in triples with eleven and had stolen more bases than any other performer in the International League—15.

Clay Hopper hails Jethro as a major league prospect. Hopper told newspapermen on the road that "Jethro is another Larry Doby."

He can hit any kind of pitching, according to Hopper.

Brother of Mel Groomes Stars in Series

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Bernard Groomes, brother of Mel Groomes, star halfback of the Detroit Lions football team, became the first Negro to ever play on a championship American Legion baseball team, when the Trenton Scroths Post 93 nine of Trenton, N. J., won the little world series at Victory Field in Indianapolis, Ind. The 15-year-old youngster plays third base and bats right-handed. He is a sophomore in high school and an all-around athlete.

Stars On Defense; Poles Out Homer

Robbie Is Star As Brooks Juggle Lead

Journal Guide

BROOKLYN, N. Y. — Jackie Robinson was definitely the "golden boy" of the game as the Brooklyn Dodgers won the first game of a doubleheader against the Boston Braves here Saturday to take first place in the National League, and then dropped the nightcap of the dual bill to give the lead back to the Beantown nine.

Sat 8-28-48

Had it not been for the stellar defensive play of Robinson in the opener, which the Brooks won 8 to 7, the Bums would have blown the evident win. Robbie took Hank Behrman out of trouble twice, and gave Hatten a big lift on defense on an occasion.

HOMERS NO. 8

Then too, that homer that Jackie poled out in the second frame—his eight of the season—was another star in his crown.

Robbie made his key plays in the sixth and seventh innings of the opener after the homer had gone on record. After Holmes walked in the sixth he made a great diving stop of Dark's bid for a hit, regained his feet and threw the Boston shortstop out.

Norfolk Va

REPEAT PERFORMANCE

Again doing a "swan" for the fans, Robbie stopped Heat's hot splash to his right in the seventh. In addition, he went deep into center field in the third frame to put breaks on Holmes' pop fly. Jackie fell over teammate Snider just as he made the catch.

In that game, Roy Campanella is credited with driving in a run. Robinson got one hit and three runs in three times at bat in the opener, made three putouts and assisted in four more. Campanella made four putouts.

In the nightcap in which the Braves reclaimed the first place National League standing with a 2 to 1 win, Robinson was at bat four times but failed to connect. Campanella got one hit in three times at bat.

Both Chicago Clubs Ignore Negro Players

The Defender

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Sat 6-5-48

Thousands of fans who have supported the Chicago White Sox of the American League and the Chicago Cubs of the National League for years are withdrawing their patronage becuse both clubs continue their policy of failing to hire any Negro baseball players.

Chicago Ill

The play of Larry Doby of the Cleveland Indians in the American League, the signing of whom took place right in the front office of Comiskey Park last July, and the continued excellent work of Jackie Robinson, Brooklyn Dodger infielder, has caused these several thousand fans to become disgusted with the showing of both Chicago teams. The Cubs are next to last in the field of eight in the National circuit and the White Sox are on the bottom.

The difference in the drawing card of the Cleveland team and the White Sox is that the Indians drew 40.000 for a night game while the Sox pulled 19.426 against Philadelphia Tuesday night, May 25.

A threat to boycott both parks is under way by the fans who are forming a Committee of Fair Play for Negroes in Baseball.

The White Sox have failed to try out any Negro players. There was some rumor last year that the management was looking over Gentry Jessup of the Chicago American Giants.

The truth of the matter is that Vice President Leslie O' Conner, former secretary of the late Baseball Commissioner Landis had no intention of including a Negro in the list of Sox players. In the first place, Jessup is past the age of players desired by major league managers.

Ed Ritchie, catcher with the Chicago American Giants, was given a tryout with some of the talent hoping to land jobs with the Chicago Cubs' farm clubs. Ritchie appeared two mornings at Wrigley Field and worked out.

He was told to report to Cubs scouts in Los Angeles or to notifying them when he could be seen in action in a game last winter. Instead, Ritchie signed with the San Diego team of the Pacific league.

THROUGH THE YEARS

(47a)

The Defender

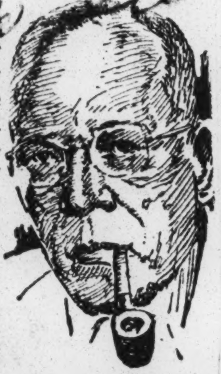
BY FAY YOUNG

LIFE'S LESSON

We must live through the dreary Winter
If we would value the Spring;
And the woods must be cold and silent
Before the robins sing.
The flowers must be buried in darkness
Before they can bud and bloom,
And the sweetest, warmest sunshine
Comes after the storm and gloom.

—Anonymous.

Del 4-10-48



Fay Young

WHEN THE BROOKLYN DODGERS baseball squad was split up, Manager Leo Durocher took Jackie Robinson and Ray Campanella, the newly acquired Negro catcher secured from Montreal, along with the team which barnstorms in Fort Worth, Texas, Oklahoma City, Okla., and Dallas, Texas. Dan Bankhead, Negro pitcher bought from the Memphis Red Sox near the end of the playing season last year, has been sent to Montreal for further training.

Bankhead was unfortunate in being kicked up into big time baseball and with the pennant winning Brooklyn Dodgers. Robinson came through okay by having been given a year's tryout with the Montreal Royals of the International League where he proved himself to be of major league calibre.

Del 4-10-48

Campanella was signed by the Dorgers to one of their farm club contracts. He spent one year with the Nashau, N. H., team of the New England League and last year showed so much improvement that Branch Rickey Sr., president of the Dodgers, admitted to us, while flying back from Wilberforce State's banquet to its football team, that Campanella might turn out to be a "better catcher than Edwards (Brooklyn's regular backstop)."

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BANKHEAD JOINED THE BROOKLYN club at a time when Rickey wanted another winning pitcher. Facts were that while Bankhead had a great strikeout record he also had some faults. One was he was erratic in the pinches and the other was and is that he takes too long to deliver a pitch. A year or two of seasoning with Montreal might break him of these weaknesses. One thing, the Brooklyn organization perfers to hang onto him.

Del 4-10-48

Last hear of Don Newcombe is still with the Nashua club where he is the top pitcher in that league but at a lower salary than what Mrs. Effa Manley was paying him as a hurler on her club, the Newark Eagles.

Roy Partlow, bought by Rickey from the Philadelphia Stars, failed to make good with Montreal and later with the Three Rivers club of the Canadian-American league. Also did John Wright, of the Washington Homestead Grays and later with the Great Lakes team, fail.

Last year, Larry Doby, infielder and outfielder, was bought from the Newark club by the Cleveland Indians. Doby is shaping up good in spring practice. He got two hits off the Chicago Cubs pitchers on March 28 and one circuit clout in one time at bat off the Chicago White Sox pitcher on April 2.

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WE ARE PATIENTLY WAITING to see what either one of the Chicago clubs do in the future when it comes to signing a Negro player. John Ritchey, Chicago American Giants catcher, worked out before the Cub scouts at the end of last season. He had prosects those scouts told us.

However, Ritchey didn't seem enthused over the fact he might be sent to Des Moines club. He failed to follow instructions from the Cubs' office and this winter signed up with San Diego Padres. San Diego is Ritchey's home town.

Also last year Henry Thompson and Willard Brown, infielder and out fielder, respectively of the Kansas City Monarchs, were tried out by the St. Louis Browns. But they were suddenly dropped Hints thrown out by Charley Cherokee and other writers to Brown and Thompson to stay away from the taverns didn't do any good. And in Cleveland, as quiet as it is kept, there was a rukus and a knockdown said to have been caused by Brown. This got to the Browns' management and both players were sent back to St. Louis where they were promptly dropped.

Dr. J. B. Martin, president of the Negro American League, differs with Prexy John Johnson, president of the Negro National League. Martin believes that the advent of Negroes in major league white baseball increases the interest in Negro major league baseball. Johnson believes Robinson hurts the attendance in Negro baseball. Martin says otherwise.

Robinson as a counter attraction wouldn't interfere with the western circuit other than perhaps in Chicago. "We have our regular attendance here and are hurt very little. The rest of our cities are not in the National League circuit. Likewise in the east, New York is the only town that could be hurt. I can't see where Robinson does us any harm. In fact it has helped us out west," Martin declared.

Sat 4-10-48

And thanks for the postal card from Bluefield, W. Va., where my friends were kind enough to correct us on our recent tennis column. It was Tally Holmes of Washington and not Dwight Holmes who was king of the Negro net players nearly three decades ago.

Crispus Attucks Joins York Loop

Afro-American

YORK, Pa. (NNPA) — For the first time in the 20-year history of the York County Baseball League, a colored team has been admitted, with the acceptance, last week, of the entry of the Crispus Attucks Community Center's teams.

Baltimore, Md

Playing a 28-game schedule, the loop opened play Saturday, with the Crispus Attucks nine meeting last year's champions.

Sat 5-22-48

Playing for C.A. are: Harold Brown, 2b; Leon Boanes, c; George Galloway, p; Walter Anderson, rf; Louis Brown, 1b; Eugene Green, 3b; Stewart Hill, ss; James Ritter, lf; and Charles Rhoades, cf.

The team is coached by Cheter Buchanan, former ace moundsman with the Philadelphia Stars, who is physical director of the center.

Don Now Highest Priced Pitcher In Minor Leagues

DON NEWCOMBE

Bright Future Painted For 24-Year-Old Hurler

The Courier

Sat 11-48

By WENDELL SMITH
(Courier Sports Editor)

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Branch Rickey, owner of the Brooklyn Dodgers, has put the highest price tag on big Don Newcombe, Negro pitcher of Montreal, No. 1 farm club of the Dodgers, ever tagged on a minor league pitcher. The astute owner of the Dodgers wants nothing less than a half million dollars for the young fire-baller who starred for the Little World Series winners this year.

Pittsburgh, Pa

During an interview recently on the future of the famous Dodgers, Rickey was asked about the possibilities of Brooklyn in 1949. He predicted that the club will be in the thick of the fight next year. "We have a fine group of youngsters coming up," he said, "and they will give us the things we lacked last season. For example we have Don Newcombe coming up."

"How much do you want for Newcombe?" Rickey was asked.

"I wouldn't take less than $500,000 for him," the Brooklyn owner said.

Consequently, Newcombe becomes the highest priced pitcher in the minor leagues. Rickey wants one-half million dollars for the 24-year-old pitcher who once pitched for Newark of the Negro National League.

Meantime, while other clubs are pondering the stupendous price Rickey has pinned on the young hurler from Montreal, another Negro chucker is hurling his way toward the big leagues. He is Dan Bankhead who pitched for St. Paul last season. Down in Puerto Rico last week, Bankhead struck out eleven batters as he pitched Caguas to a 5 to 2 win over San Juan.

Rickey says Bankhead is a sure-fire big league star. He wants $50,000 for him, if other clubs are interested.

New England Mechanic 'Drove' Leo from $35 Job into Major League Ball

The Afro American

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By SAM LACY

Sat 3-13-48

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, R.D.—Leo Durocher is the third wealthies manager in major league baseball simply because he is friendly with a colored man!

I heard the story in December, 1946, but it wasn't until fourteen months later, in a plane high in the air over the Atlantic Ocean, a thousand miles from Ebbets Field where his Brooklyn Dodgers hold forth, that I got Lippy Leo's confirmation of it.

David Redd, a literally unknown factory-worker in West Springfield, Mass., was given the credit for urging Durocher to enter professional baseball. He was given the credit when I first heard the yarn, and Durocher admitted, without hesitance, that it was true when I talked with him on Sunday en route from New York to the Dodgers' spring training base here in the heart of Latin America.

Baltimore, Md.

So it is that the colorful pilot of Jackie Robinson, Dan Bankhead and the other Fabulous Bums of Flatbush, today ranks with Connie Mack of the Phiiladelphia Athletics and Bucy Harris of the New York Yankees' as baseball's three richest managers.

For it was because David Redd, soft-spoken Wico Electric Co., mechanic, talked him into shedding his overalls for a baseball uniform, that Leo the Lip boasts a bankroll of close to half-million dollars.

And this from a $35-a-week pay check!

You say you don't believe it? Well, you can hardly be blamed, it does sound fantastic.

But let's take stock. Let's begin with Leo's words.

Worked Together

"Yes, it's true, every word of it. Dave Redd and I were working as mechanics at the Wico plant. We were very fond of each other.

"This was in 1925. We had a team in an industrial league and on it were two brothers, Eddie and Benny Trausche, whom everyone considered the best players around.

"But every morning when I'd come in to work, Dave used to jump me. 'Leo,' he'd say, 'why do you keep wasting your time here, why don't you make some of that good money they're paying in baseball. A few years in one of the small towns would get you into the big leagues and this sweating would be over with.'

"I wasn't convinced but I admit I wasn't happy on that job. So, after listening to him until I almost knew his arguments from memory, I decided to give baseball a try.

"Sure enough, after one year in the infield at Hartford of the Eastern League, the Yankees bought me and I've been in ever since—except last year," (he added as an after-thought) evidently recalling his 1947 suspension by Commissioner Happy Chandler.

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Cash Rolled In

During 15 years as a player in the majors, Durocher grossed in the neighborhood of $120,000. Three years as manager of the Dodgers — two of which were at $50,000 per—brought him an estimated $130,000 in addition, and extra-curricular activities such as radio guesting, personal appearances and advertising endorsements netted approximately $25,000 more.

And, as if this were not enough, no one can say that his baseball connections and escapades didn't give him entree to a quarter-million-dollar Hollywood romance and marriage to movie actress Laraine Day.

Makes Annual Visit

Redd? He's still at Wico, married and a respectable citizen of West Springfield. He follows the Dodgers religiously, thinks often of his old bench-mate on the motorcycle-battery assembly line and beams with silent satisfaction each time, once a year, the Lippy one drops by for a visit.

Minor Leagues Refuse to Accept Negro Leagues

Black Dispatch

NEW YORK — (ANP) — Applications for acceptance into organized baseball were flately refused to both the Negro National and Negro American leagues, the Rev. John J. Johnson, president of the NNL, disclosed in a written statement this week.

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According to Rev. Johnson, the National Association of Professional Baseball leagues (the minors) rejected applications from both organizations last December. With Jackie Robinson such a drawing card in the majors last year his league suffered a "well nigh disasterous" season in 1947, Johnson said.

Oklahoma City, Okla.

Johnson said these applications came as a result of a committee report from Larry McPhail, then president of the New York Yankees, in 1945 to the late Mayor Fieorllo LaGuardia. The mayor appointed this group to study the Negro's position in baseball. Rev. Johnson headed the group, and Branch Rickey was a member.

His league improved schedules, adopted a new constitution and uniform contracts as recommended by McPhail, Johnson said. Yet both colored leagues were turned down in December at the minor leagues meeting in Miami.

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"Two years after McPhail's recommendations were made," Johnson said, "the Negro leagues still possess no status, no voice, no rights, no relationship at all to the major or the minor leagues."

He lauded Rickey for taking action in hiring Negro players, but assailed the ideas of recommendations such as the McPhail report which "never got beyond the paper it was written on."

WHAT THEY ARE DOING

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Fielding Record

		G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	Pct.
JACKIE ROBINSON—Infielder, Dodgers, National	League	127	498	91	147	31	7	10	74	18	.295
ROY CAMPANELLA—Catcher, Dodgers, National	League	64	224	26	55	8	3	6	37	4	.246
LARRY DOBY—Outfielder, Cleveland, American	League	104	381	70	110	19	8	11	56	7	.288
CARLOS SANTIAGO—Infielder, Stamford, Colonial	League	90	339	53	91	10	2	4	41	17	.268
CARLOS BERNIER—Outfielder, Stamford, Colonial	League	85	221	58	52	4	3	2	20	16	.235
JOHN RITCHEY—San Diego Padres, Pacific Coast	League	87	169	23	57	7	1	3	34	0	.337
SAM JETHROE—Outfielder, Montreal, International	League		249	44	77	14	11	2	24	12	.313

Pitching Record

		G	IP	R	H	W	SO	W	L	Pct.
SATCHEL PAIGE—Pitcher, Cleveland, American	League	18	68	17	58	16	41	6	1	.857
DAN BANKHEAD—Pitcher, Dodgers, New England	League	30	200	57	118	124	249	19	5	.792
DON NEWCOMBE—Pitcher, Montreal, International	League		170	73	146	92	133	16	5	.762
NATE MORELAND—Pitcher, Imperials, Sunset	League		191		183	79	141	16	11	.593

What They Are Doing

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JACKIE ROBINSON—Infielder
Brooklyn Dodgers, National League

G.	AB.	R.	H.	2B.	3B.	HR.	RBI.	SB.	Pct.
51	183	29	56	17	2	[illegible]	32	2	.306

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LARRY DOBY—(Outfielder)
Cleveland, American League

G.	AB.	R.	H.	HR.	RBI.	SB.	Pct.
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6	[illegible]	1	.286

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DAN BANKHEAD—Pitcher
Nashua Dodgers, New England League

G.	IP.	R.	H.	HR.	SO.	W.	L.	Pct.
12	87	29	59	4	92	6	3	.667

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ENRIQUE FIGUERA—Pitcher and Utility
Portchester, Colonial League

G.	AB.	R.	H.	HR.	SB.	Pct.
14	13	2	7	0	0	.538

Pitching Record

G.	IP.	H.	BB.	SO.	W.	L.	Pct.
8	17	15	28	8	2	1	.667

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CARLOS SANTIAGO—Infielder
Portchester, Colonial League

G.	AB.	R.	H.	HR.	SB.	Pct.
26	83	15	21	0	4	.253

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CARLOS BERNIER—Outfielder

G.	AB.	R.	H.	HR.	SB.	Pct.
34	112	21	23	1	5	.205

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NATE MORELAND—Pitcher
El Centro Imperials, Sunset League

W.	L.	IP.	H.	R.	BB.	SO.	Pct.
10	1	77	66	27	21	51	.909

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JOHN RITCHEY
San Diego Padres, Pacific Coast League

G.	AB.	R.	H.	RBI.	2B.	SB.	Pct.
41	51	11	18	9	1	0	.353

Rickey Refuses to Count Bankhead 'Out' as Dodger

Afro American

Sat 3-27-48

CIUDAD TRIJILLO, R.D.— The press was admonished by Branch Rickey here Sunday that Dan Bankhead cannot as yet be counted out as a member of the 1948 Brooklyn Dodgers.

Baltimore, Md.

The Mahatma cleverly "set up" the newspapermen by posing the question: "If anyone of you gentlemen was the manager of the Brooklyn team today, and there was a player on the Montreal team you wished to bring up, but you couldn't bring him up unless you dropped a Dodger player from the roster, would you drop Dan Bankhead? Or would you wait a little longer?"

Two of the newspapermen answered that they would.

"Well," said Rickey, "I'm not so sure that you wouldn't be wrong. I tell you gentlemen, this fellow, Bankhead, is quite an athlete. There are times when I suspect he is not put together tightly, or he can disconnect and reconnect himself. Sometimes he appears to work in sections, but, to me, he gets the desired results somehow or other.

Has Deceptive Curve

"He seems to pitch with the upper part of his body and let the lower part take care of itself. He seems to run with the lower part of his body dragging the upper part unwillingly. But he throws a very fast ball and has a deceptive curve, and he runs with amazing swiftness.

"And even if I were to discount him as a pitcher, which I am not yet ready to do, I wouldn't be too certain that he isn't a capable outfielder. He certainly can hit the ball and he reaches and catches most of the balls other average outfielders get.

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"You must remember the first time he saw major league pitching, he belted it for a home run. And he led his league—it wasn't much of a league, perhaps— but he led it in hitting nevertheless. And Robinson played in that same league and didn't lead it.

"No, boys," Rickey concluded, "I'm not so sure you wouldn't be wrong if you let Bankhead go without a better look at him."—LACY.

Round 'n' About Detroit Free Press

The Sandlots

With BOB LATSHAW and GEORGE PUSCAS

Detroit, Mich.

The advent of Jackie Robinson into big league baseball has inspired youthful Negroes of America to become baseball players, much after the fashion that Joe Louis' rise to the heavyweight throne tended to bring many of his race into the prize ring.

Whether or not the Detroit Amateur Baseball Federation will have its first Negro team in the 32-year history of the organization will be decided Tuesday night at the DBF meeting. Sun.

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AT THAT TIME the DBF will act on an application for membership by a team of former Miller High School players coached and managed by Will Robinson.

No indication of the way the DBF will rule has been given.

Will Robinson

It has been reported that the NABF, the national organization in which the Detroit circuit has a franchise, has by-laws similar to those of the American Bowling Congress which draw the color line.

Detroit Free Press

However, the DBF, unlike the ABC, does not lease property for the purpose of holding its events. The DBF plays all of its games on public playfields, open to all people in the city. 4-4-48

This is the first bona fide effort by a Negro team to gain admission to the DBF. Last year Max Osnos and Ben Mark filed a bid for entry after the deadline had passed. Detroit, Mich.

Memphis Overwhelms Jonesboro

Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.
Sat. 7-24-48

JONESBORO, Ark.—The Memphis Red Sox made history Saturday night, July 17, when they played white team, here.The an exhibition game here against the Jonesboro (Ark.) semi-pros, a white team. The Red Sox won the game 20 to 4. A large and appreciative crowd was on hand for the game. This was the first time the Red Sox had played a white team in the South. The losers asked for a return game.

Royals Purchase Outfielder Jethro

The Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.

MONTREAL—Sam Jethro, outfielder of the Cleveland Buckeyes of the Negro National League, reported Friday to the league-leading Montreal Royals of the International League.

Sat.

Jethro, 26, was acquired by Montreal after being recommended by the Brooklyn Dodgers organization. The purchase price was not disclosed. 7-17-48

Texas Legionnaires O. K. Playing of Colored Hurler

The Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.

LUBBOCK, Tex. (ANP)—A 16-year-old schoolboy pitcher, Bill Moody, has created a stir among white parents because he is a member of the Littlefield Junior Legion baseball team. 7-17-48

Last week officials of both the American Legion posts of Lubbock and Littlefield here backed up the use of the boy as the Lubbock team forfeited its game when it heard of the colored player. Sat.

Elmer Tarbox of Lubbock ruled that the Littlefield team could use Moody. Tarbox is chairman of district two of the Legion baseball league here. 7-17-48

Houston Hoover earlier this year had announced that his Littlefield team would use any player good enough to make the team, regardless of his race. As acting coach of Littlefield he said he was amazed at the attitude of Lubbock.

Several Lubbock parents threatened to take their sons out of the meet if Moody played. Sat.

Early All-Star Thoughts Show Giant's Top Class

Daily Worker New York, N.Y.
Thurs. 5-6-48

By Lester Rodney

It's premature, it's not "news," it doesn't prove a thing. But it's baseball and debatable, so let's start talking about the possible makeup of the 1948 All Star teams which meet July 4th but on which voting starts in June. The very listing of potentials, even with the season less than a month old, is revealing as to the caliber of some of the ball clubs. As I jot down the names of those who will have to be considered it turns out that the New York Giants demand more listings than any team in the league.

For instance—what list even of potentials for the NL team can ignore big Johnny Mize at first? You don't even have to bother any further with the position. There isn't a candidate of stature to contest it now that Musial is an outfielder again—the closest, perhaps, being Boston's Torgerson, a second year man still to prove himself!

Can you bypass Buddy Kerr's name at short? Thomson and Marshall in the outfield, Walker Cooper behind the bat, and Jansen on the mound? That's six players listed. Now find me another team with that many possibilities. Can't be done. See what they mean when they say the Giants would bust things open with consistent pitching help for Jansen?

Alright, we have Mize on first with no argument. Second base will be between Stanky, Robinson and Schoendienst. Nary another candidate need be considered barring a most sensational month of hitting from a Rigney, Verban, Murtaugh, not likely. As of present batting averages and all round class I'd say Robinson was my man.

Short in this book is Kerr or Reese. Marion has faded the slight bit that makes his low b.a. prohibitive. There's real room for argument between the Giant and Dodger. The one who does the most early hitting will get it, and here again I'd have to give it to the Brooklynite. Daily Worker

Third base is Elliott and that's all. Gustine and Kurowski are good second choices and then it tails off. Last year's Most Valuable is off to another good start. He's in.

Our three outfielders have to begin with Kiner of Pittsburgh and Musial of the Cards. After that

my premature choice is the Giants' Marshall, an underrated power performer who adds fine fielding and a great arm to his r.b.i. threat. Then you must list as potentials Thomson Boston's Holmes, the Phils' Walker, perhaps the Giants' Lockman, Reiser if he can play every day, and the prospective rookie of the year, Cincinnati's busting Hank Sauer. Thurs. 5-6-48

New York, N.Y.

Cooper is our catcher and he shall not be moved despite an occasional fit of laziness on foul balls. No right hand hitter in baseball hits a ball more violently than big Walker and wouldn't Eddie Dyer like to have him back in a St. Louis suit? Bruce Edwards' arm would seem to eliminate him and for my dough the next best choice would be the Braves' Masi.

Pitchers? Blackwell will have swing sharply to rights to get a berth but I think he will in time. Jansen rates, Spahn and Sain and even possibly Voiselle can be listed and interestingly, nobody at the moment on either the Dodgers or Cards, though that could change.

Giving us—**Mize, Robinson, Reese and Elliott; Kiner, Musial and Sauer, Cooper, Jansen, Sain, Spahn and Blackwell.** Thurs.

THE ENEMY? (I'm a National Leaguer myself.) The Red Sox have the most listees here, with Doerr, Stephens, Pesky, Williams and Dom DiMaggio in consideration, which is more than the Yanks with DiMaggio, Rizzuto, Henrich (not listing pitchers now) or Cleveland's Boudreau, Gordon, Keltner and Hegan. 5-6-48

But those are the big ones. Outside of these three clubs the only quick "musts" that meet the eye for listing are Detroit's Kell, the A's Rosar, Vernon of the Nats, and Dillinger of the Browns. The White Sox, like their brother Cubs in the National, present nary a candidate at this juncture. Daily Worker New York, N.Y.

ALL STAR THIS YEAR?
Thurs. Robinson 5-6-48

Let's say for the moment: Vernon, Doerr, Boudreau, Kell (but if Keltner keeps hitting . . .), DiMaggio Sr., Williams and yes, and whom? Hoot Evens? Tucker? Henrich? Maybe Keller in a grand comeback Catcher Rosar or Hegan, and for the moment pitchers Feller, Lemon, Shea and Reynolds even, if it is rather exclusive. Thurs. 5-6-48

Any comments?

ATTENTION HORACE STONEHAM:

WHEN JACKIE ROBINSON was signed by the Brooklyn organization in 1945 you said: "That's really a fine way to start the program. We will scout the Negro Leagues next year, looking for young prospects."

It's three years later. What happened, Horace ?

No player good enough to sign? Brooklyn has signed five Negro players since then. Roy Campanella, the best catcher in the minors, will rejoin the Dodgers shortly. Don Newcombe, a good young pitcher, will be down from Montreal next spring. 6-30-48

Larry Doby was playing ball for the Newark Eagles. He hails from Paterson, New Jersey. He played a lot of games right in the Polo Grounds on Sundays when the Giants were out of town. Your Giants have a farm team in Jersey City—(where capacity crowds gave Montreal's Jackie Robinson a great ovation in 1946). Your organization must have been looking real hard for "young prospects." Cleveland got Doby. Daily Worker

No players to look over for development? LAST WEEK the Cleveland Indians looked over a promising young Negro pitcher, Pat Scantelbury of the New York Cubans—who plays regularly in the Polo Grounds and Yankee Stadium—and two other Negro players, pitcher

Henry Miller of the Philadelphia Stars and outfielder Fred Thomas of the Quebec team. Cleveland came here and found this potential big league talent right under the noses of your organization, Mr. Stoneham—playing right in your ballpark, which is located right on the fringe of Harlem and has been traditionally well patronized by people of that community. New York, N.Y.

The players worked out in Cleveland under the supervision of Coach Bill McKechnie, Vice President Hank Greenberg and the Indians' farm director, Eddie Stumpf. If it is decided they have big league possibilities they will be allocated to the proper farm teams for development. Wed. 6-30-48

By the way, Mr. Stoneham, Cleveland, has a pitching staff consisting of Feller, Lemon, Bearden, Black, Zoldak and Muncrief. A pretty good one. They are overlooking **NO** prospects of strengthening the staff for next year and the years to come. Can't the Giant fans who pay the freight expect the same from you? Or have you got four more Larry Jansens up your sleeves so that the original Jansen won't have to pitch relief and weaken his arm in games already hopelessly lost by inferior pitching?

Your words in 1945 sounded good. They sounded as if you really believed in democracy and agreed with Branch Rickey and the overwhelming majority of American sports fans that a ballplayer should be judged by his ability as a ballplayer and not by the color of his skin.

What's the story, Mr. Stoneham?

Buckeyes become first Negro ball club to have games broadcast

Los Angeles

Sat. 6-19-48

CLEVELAND — Last week the Cleveland Buckeyes, of the Negro American League and 1945 Negro world champions, became the first Negro ball club to have all its home games broadcast. For the rest of the season station WSRS will air the games from League park.

First game broadcast was a league one with the Chicago American Giants last Sunday.

Jethroe bought by Montreal on Bum's advice

Tribune

Los Angeles, Calif.

MONTREAL — Slammin' Sam Jethroe, heavy stickman of the Cleveland Buckeyes, of the Negro American League, bought for an undisclosed amount last Tuesday, reported for work to the Montreal Royals here last weekend.

Jethroe, a switch-hitting outfielder who throws righthanded, was bought on the high recommendation of the Brooklyn Dodger scouting department, parent outfit of the Royals. Sat. 7-17-48

Although the deal fizzled after weeks of blowing hot & cold, Jethroe was scheduled to break the lily-white tradition of the Pacific Coast League last year via the San Francisco Seals, but the Seals called off negotiations when they learned that several major league teams were interested in him.

The Royals is the farm club from which Dodger secondbaseman Jackie Robinson vaulted into the majors as their first Negro player in history. Catcher Ray Campanella followed Robinson up from Montreal last Spring, was packed off to St. Paul, of the American Association June 15, and was recalled last week to bolster the bumbling, casualty ridden Brooklynites.

TIGER OFFICE DODGES JIMCRO QUERY

By William Allan

(Daily Worker Staff Correspondent)

DETROIT, July 19.—Slammed doors belonging to the owners of the Detroit Tigers, the Briggs Mfg. Co., met a Daily Worker reporter who sought an answer to the question being asked by thousands of Detroit fans: "**Are the Tigers going to hire Negro ball players?**" New York N.Y.

At 9 a.m. one morning this reporter hied himself to the ball yard and asked to see Billy Evans the Tiger's general manager. The run around the base paths of the Briggs offices began.

"I want to ask Mr. Evans, or his public relations man, whether the Tigers will hire any Negro ball players, to strengthen the team as the season goes into the last half?"

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"Oh you have to see Mr. Fitzgerald to answer that," was the reply. The Daily Worker reporter, after being given this eight times in one hour, replied, "Okay I'll talk to Mr. Fitzgerald."

From office to office the Worker reporter was led, seeking the elusive Mr. Fitzgerald. At 2 p. m. Fitzgerald finally made his appearance. Tue. 7-20-48

The writer repeated his query for the twentieth time.

"Are the Tigers figuring to buy some Negro ballplayers, Mr. Fitzgerald?" Tue. New York.

Fitzgerald hastily demanded credentials. This was produced. Then he wanted the circulation and the editor's name. When this ran out, he finally invited me into his office. Daily Worker.

Just about that time Billy Evans was seen strolling past and I asked Fitzgerald. "There goes the general manager— can't I ask him about the hiring of Negro ball players?" 7-20-48

"Oh no," said Fitzgerald, "**Mr. Evans would want to know about credentials, circulation, the editor's name—that's the way we do things—efficiency you know.**"

Would Mr. Fitzgerald care to answer the question? After all, I had been told all morning, "Mr. Fitzgerald is the one to answer your question about signing Negro players."

Rather perturbed, the public relations man kept nervously looking at the door and finally burst out, "**I got to go now.**"

And that was the last I saw of Mr. Fitzgerald. Well, I know one thing that the Tigers don't know. Neither Fitzgerald, or Evans or the Briggs have the final say on this issue. It's the thousand of fans, Negro and white, who will supply the answer. It is they who will one day compel the Tiger front office to inform the press that yes, the Tigers have hired Negro ballplayers.

Ben Chapman Denies Ball Bias Charge

Daily World

Atlanta, Ga.

PHILADELPHIA — (NNPA) — Ben Chapman, deposed manager of the Phillies, last Saturday denied that any opposition on his part to employment of colored ball players by the club had anything to do with his dismissal. Wed. 7-21-48

Since his dismissal in St. Louis last Friday it was being whispered that Bob Carpenter, the Phillies' owner, wanted to hire some colored players and that Chapman had opposed the idea.

"I don't know whether he had his eye on any or not," Chapman said, "But if he would have hired them I would have managed them."

Montreal Signs Sam Jethroe Of Buckeye Fame

Journal & Guide

Norfolk, Va.

Sat. 7-17-48

MONTREAL, Canada — (ANP) —Sam Jethroe, speedy hardhitting outfielder of the Cleveland Buckeyes of the Negro American League, was signed to play with the Montreal Royals of the International League, last week, club officials announced.

The league leading Royals acquired the Negro star for an undisclosed sum in cash. He was highly recommended for his new team through the Brooklyn Dodgers scouting system.

Jethroe who is 26, is a switch hitter, throws righthanded. Last year for the Buckeyes he was one of the 10 leading batters of the league, led in doubles and in stolen bases to lead his team to the pennant 7-17-48

NY Giants, Yankees Urged to Hire Colored Players

Afro American

NEW YORK (NNPA)—The signing of colored baseball players by the New York Giants and the New York Yankees was urged here last week by Dr. Dan W. Dodson, executive secretary of Mayor William O'Dwyer's Committee on Racial Unity. Sat. 3-20-48

Speaking at the Riverside Church, at the ninth annual scholarship meeting of the Harlem committee of the Community Service Society, Dr. Dodson said the hiring of colored players by the two New York clubs would end a "threat" to the business interests of the Brooklyn Dodgers, which was the first club in the major leagues in modern baseball to use a colored player.

Dr. Dodson told of reading reports that the Brooklyn Club had been "losing outstanding talent" because "the other clubs' scouts" have been playing on racial prejudice to discourage such talent from joining the Brooklyn team.

"I hope Giant and Yankee scouts are not guilty of such, but to remove the threat, I say they (the clubs) should employ colored too," said Dr. Dodson.

Line Not Gone

He said Branch Rickey, president of the Brooklyn Dodgers, has been "charitable toward his colleagues in indicating that the color line is gone" from baseball. "One has only to look across the island to the Giant and Yankee organizations to see that such is not the case," he said.

Dr. Dodson recalled the day in 1945 when he was summoned by the late Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia because of an urgent telegram the mayor had received from the Giant organization. The telegram told of the plans of "The End-Jim-Crow-in-Baseball Committee," to stage a demonstration at the Polo Grounds. Out of the conference came the "Mayor's Committe on Baseball," which was to take up with the New York clubs the question of hiring colored ballplayers. In the meantime the committee was dissuaded from carrying out its plans.

McPhail Insincere

Dr. Dodson charged insincerity on the part of Larry MacPhail, former president of the New York Yankees, in the conferences which resulted. "I did not then believe any more than I have believed since that MacPhail was sincere in his pretentions that he wanted to do something for the colored players," he said.

In Phoenix, Ariz., Horace Stoneham, president of the Giants, said his club has no objection to colored players and the only reason none is on the roster is that he has been unable to find any who would "fit in our plant."

"We have tried out colored for several years," Stoneham said. "But as yet we haven't found any who would fit in our plant. The New York club now is in pretty good strength. Sat. 3-20-48

"It is perhaps unfortunate in this connection that most of our minor league clubs are in the South, where segregation exists.

"But having clubs in the South is nothing new for us. We have had them there for years."

FROM A TO Z

With SAM LACY

The Afro American

Sat 4-3-48

Baltimore Md.

TULSA, Oklahoma—With the Cleveland Indians, Larry Doby, the 25-year-old outfield recruit, is every bit as popular as is Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella with the Brooklyn Dodgers . . . Consensus of opinion here is that Doby was handicapped last year by improper handling. Few, if any, of the Cleveland top-hats doubt now that Doby suffered immeasurably by the team's haste in putting him into action. Most agree that the boy, a truly promising ball player, should have been given a chance to acclimate himself before being asked to step into the shoes of a major leaguer . . . Even Lou Boudreau admits that it was most unfair to Doby, in particular, and colored baseball, in general, to insert him in the lineup of the Indians as a pinch-hitter a few hours after he had joined the team . . . "The kid didn't get a chance to let the newness of the situation wear off," Boudreau declared the other day. "It really wasn't fair to him but, at the time, I was extremely anxious to find someone who would be helping us. And Doby happened to be 'it' that's all."

Boudreau and Hank Greenberg, recently added to the Cleveland front office, have high praises for the former Newark Eagles' ace. They assert that he is a natural hitter, fast and aggressive and "can throw with the best outfielders in the game" . . . All he needs, they opine, is "to learn the intricacies of major league outfielding and we've got a gem" . . . Greenberg, Jackie Robinson says, is one of the best things that could possibly happen to Doby . . . Larry says: "Hank has been very helpful. He's the kind of fellow who doesn't mind telling you what you're doing wrong and then show you how to correct it, even if it means getting down on his knees to do so."

There is still some question in the Indian camp as to whether or not Doby will stick with the club. He is said to have tremendous promise and it is not at all unlikely that he will be one of the six outfielders the Tribe plans to use during the early days of the season . . . He has shown that he can bat, what with having obtained 16 hits in 38 times at bat for an average of .421 . . . Of this number, two have been homers, three triples and three doubles. In addition, he has stolen five bases. In Sunday's game at Oklahoma City, against the New York Giants, Larry relieved Dale Mitchell in leftfield in the sixth inning, got one hit in one time at bat, and handled two putouts cleanly. He turned his lone hit into a run to aid the Indians in their 12-4 rout of the Giants.

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President Bill Veeck is also in Doby's corner, pointing out that "there is as much difference in the Larry of today and the Larry of last July as there is between night and day. The other day, he went to bat for Black, the same guy he hit for in Chicago the first day he was with us. He struck out last July, looking terrible in doing it. The other day, he slammed a double. The day before, he played the whole game in centerfield, got two hits in four times up, and handled six fly balls in big league style. I really think we've found something. The fellows like him and he seems to get along with everybody well, including the opposition. He takes kidding well, which means a lot for a newcomer to this league."

With all due respect to the fine form shown by Gil Hodges, the Dodgers' 1947 second-string catcher, rookie Roy Campanella has a very bright future with the Bums. There is growing evidence that he gets more and better results from fellows like Rex Barney, Jack Banta, Erv Palica and Joe Hatten (all of whom are bothered with lack of control) than Hodges, Bobby Bragan and even Bruce Edwards . . . Speaking to members of the Dallas, Texas Variety Club the other night, Manager Leo Durocher introduced Roy Campanella with these words: "I said not long ago that I would not trade my young catcher, Gil Hodges, for any two catchers in the National League; today I want to add that the Dodgers are blessed in having still another catcher, Roy Campanella, who promises to be one of the game's best, a truly great catcher and a gentleman in every sense of the word."

It is the firm belief of this column that Leo Durocher would open the season with Campanella in mask and protector, but that the Dodger manager is reluctant to give him the call over Hodges, since the latter is young and may suffer a blow to his confidence if Campanella is shoved ahead of him after he (Hodges) has been catching most of the exhibition games . . . "C'mon you Rex," is the by-word in the Brooklyn clubhouse since Campanella seems to have won Rex Barney, the crack fireballer, with his behind-the-plate chatter . . . Barney has lost much of his wildness since Campanella has been receiving for him. "I just make him throw his curve-ball with three-and-one on the batter," says Campy. "It gives him renewed confidence in himself, because always in the past he was afraid he couldn't get it over. When I show him I believe in his curve-ball, it helps him. It's simple. I shout "C'mon you Rex, hit this punkin,' and he blazes one through the middle so fast the batter's handcuffed."

Jackie Robinson's wife, Rachel, and Roy Campanella's wife, Ruthe, met their respective hubbies in Baltimore when the Dodgers were there for their series with the Orioles early this week . . . They drove down from New York in the Robinson's Cadillac . . . Also with Mrs. Campanella was Roy's young son, David, who greeted his father with: "Hi, Dad, you gotta glove for me?" Incidentally, that was the first word of greeting I heard from Tim when I pulled into Washington after six weeks in the tropics last week . . . Fortunately, I came prepared.

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By SAM LACY, AFRO Sports Editor

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, R.D.—The 1948 spring training encampment of the Brooklyn-Montreal baseball troupe was brought down here Monday, and the two clubs were prepared to take to the airways—U.S. bound—Tuesday afternoon.

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Jackie Robinson will be back in a Dodger uniform and in the lead-off spot in the batting order. And Don Newcombe will be a pitcher on the staff of the Royals.

There is also the likelihood that Roy Campanella will move into Flatbush come Apr. 24, as the first colored catcher in major league annals. Too, it is a fairly safe wager that Dan Bankhead will accompany Newcombe to the International League.

But these views are based purely on speculation.

Dan Good Hitter

Bankhead seems headed for Montreal, unless Durocher sees fit to hold him for his possibilities as a hitter. His pitching has been unimpressive and, worst of all, he has clearly lost his confidence. There is some doubt that Lippy Leo would be willing to keep him in Brooklyn while he is developing as an outfielder, especially since he can be farmed without being exposed to drafting by another club.

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His promotion to Triple-A baseball at Montreal after two years in Nashua (N.H.) seems virtually assured.

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Hopper was quite enthusiastic in his last discussion of the former Newark Eagle ace. "All he needs to do now is get the ball over the plate and he's on my club," the Mississippi skipper told the AFRO. "His curve-ball is okay and his fast ball's a honey. If he can keep finding the plate, Don's in."

Jackie a Cinch

The case of Robinson is pretty well known. Once he works himself into shape, he is "home free," as the race-goers say.

For the first two weeks of spring training, Jackie appeared lackadaisical. Although he reported four days late, and with a waistline laying over his belt in rolls of fat, Robinson seemed indifferent and bitter about being expected to do the same work everyone else was doing.

Whether this was a mental attitude brought on by too much public acclaim, cannot be ventured here. But, the fact remains that it was not until he found himself being criticized by newspapermen and Leo Durocher, that Jackie discarded his apparent indifference and settled down to work.

In the last two weeks of the period, the 1947 "Rookie of the Yeard" dug in, wore down his belt line considerably, sharpened his enthusiasm, and began to look like the Robinson of 1946 and 1947.

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Position Uncertain

Whether he is to be at first base or second when Apr. 20 rolls around remains to be seen. It is common knowledge that Branch Rickey maneuvered the Eddie Stanky deal in order to clear the way for the shifting of Jackie to second.

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Rickey holds to the contention that Robinson "is the best second baseman in the world."

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Anyway, whether he is at first or second, Jackie will be in, and, barring unforeseen developments, he will be the first player to take a swing at National League pitching in the 1948 campaign when opening day arrives at New York's Polo Grounds, Apr. 20.

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With a paucity of good catchers, the Yankee team surely could use a Campanella—and the Giants could use most anything.

That the Brooklyn team continues to get ball players is no miracle nor is it any mystery. They just go out and look them over in an approved fashion. Unlike the St. Louis Browns, who resorted to using a one-armed outfielder to make the turnstiles click, who overdid the thing and signed two colored players, the Cleveland team in the American League sensibly took on one good player, and although he was not a regular last year, there are hopes for him this year.

Brooklyn follows an accepted pattern with these players. The fellows are given an opportunity to accustom themselves to organized baseball methods and tactics, which differ from those of the colored leagues just as night differs from day. Not all of the Brooklyn players of darker hue are in the upper bracket leagues either, they have some men way down in the scale, prepping them for future use.

THE WAYS OF WHITE FOLKS

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For years many Negro sports writers have been using the box office argument in an effort to persuade baseball owners to give Negro youth a chance. Branch Rickey of the Brooklyn Dodgers demonstrated beyond question that Negro players were good drawing cards. Last week Satchel Paige broke the Comiskey Park attendance records for night games at Chicago and provided further proof of the Negro players appeal. It should be noted also that more whites as well as more Negroes are swelling the baseball crowds.

In the light of what has happened the old arguments once used by white baseball mogulc sound utterly ridiculous today. They feared that the crowd would drop and that whites would boycott the games. Their fears were founded on the same myths that are today supporting barriers in other fields where Negroes are excluded.

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By Lester Rodney New York, N.Y. Fri. 6-28-48

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THE LATE JOSH GIBSON

Josh is gone. But there's another Josh Gibson, his 17 year old son, a six foot, 189 pound athlete. Yesterday Josh Gibson Jr. was signed by the Youngstown Colts of the Mid-Atlantic League.

Young Josh, like his father, is a lusty right handed hitter. Despite his youth, he batted .368 for Schenley High School in Pittsburgh and was acclaimed for his great potential power and fine fielding at second base. He becomes the first Negro player in the 23 year old history of the Mid-Atlantic League. Youngstown is an independently owned team, with no farm attachments to the big leagues.

Daily Worker

Josh Sr., who did most of his catching for the Homestead Grays, was a tremendous belter. In several National League parks he hit prodigious home runs, further than any big leaguer has ever driven the ball. At his peak he batted near .500 in the Negro Leagues and through exhibition games against teams of white big leaguers. In one regular season's play in the Negro League he hit the astounding total of 75 home runs.

New York, N.Y.

As a defensive catcher he was a smart, sturdy, strong armed receiver. An idea of the way his potential value as a big leaguer was estimated can be gained from this quote of Walter Johnson, the immortal "Big Train"—**"If Bill Dickey of the Yanks is worth $100,000 as a catcher I would say Josh Gibson is easily worth $200,000. There never was a catcher like him."** Carl Hubbell of the Giants and other big leaguers unhesitatingly named him as an all time great catcher .

Fri. 6-28-48

Josh was an outspoken fighter against discrimination and several times congratulated this paper on its fight to end the shame of Jimcrow in our National Pastime. He lived to see Jackie Robinson signed by the Brooklyn Dodgers in the first breakthrough. But to the end he was extremely bitter against the undemocratic ban that kept "Paige and Gibson" from going down in **history as perhaps the greatest battery of them all.**

Fri. 6-28-48 N.Y. Fri.

His son carries a great name into the ranks of organized baseball. And the hearty best wishes for a great career from all who knew Josh, Sr.

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Josh Gibson, Jr signed on by minor club

Los Angeles, Calif

Tribune

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Two Negro ballplayers were signed to minor league contracts last week; two more given the once-over and were on call by a major league club.

Los Angeles, Calif

Josh Gibson, Jr., son of one of Negro baseball's immortals, was signed on by the Youngstown, Ohio, Colts, farmhands of the colts two days later. Thomas, a Canadian outfielder and product of Montreal's Assumption college, was signed by the Cleveland Indians after a week's secret tryout, and was farmed out immediately to the Barons. He is 6' 1", weighs 195, bats lefthanded, and throws right.

Two Negro National Leaguers received tryouts from the Indians but were sent back to their respective clubs for future calls: Henry Miller, righthand hurler of the Philadelphia Stars; and Pat Scantlebury, southpaw of the New York Cubans. Sat. 7-24-48

Colts Sign Negro Ball Player

Atlanta Daily World

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Wed- 6-30-48

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — (SNS) —

Josh Gibson, Jr., son of one of the greatest Negro ball players of all times, has been signed by the Youngstown Colts of the Mid-Atlantic League.

The 23-year first baseman thereby became the first Negro player in the 23-year history of the circuit, and is expected to follow in the slugging foot-steps of his famous father, who was a star of the Homestead Grays of the Negro National League.

Young Gibson, like his father, is a lusty hitter. He batted .368 during his career on the Schenley high school baseball team.

He is six feet tall, weighs 189 pounds, plays second base and bats and throws right-handed. He is in the regular Colts lineup.

Tribe Signs Scout for Negro Players

Daily Worker

New York N.Y.

CLEVELAND, May 4.—The Cleveland Indians, first American League team to sign a Negro player, today named **Abe Saperstein** of Chicago their chief talent scout for Negro athletes. Wed.

Saperstein is promoter of the Harlem Globe Trotters basketball team and originator of the annual East-West Negro All-Star baseball game. 5-5-48

Veeck said he had made an agreement with Saperstein, whereby the Indians would get first crack at any promising baseball players.

Larry Doby, currently the club's regular right fielder, is still the only Negro in the A. L.

28,631 Boo Feller Who Lasts Only 5 Innings

Post.

Washington D.C.

Mon. 7-19-48

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By Morris Siegel
Post Reporter

To Bob Feller went the boos of 28,631 Griffith Stadium customers yesterday, but to his Cleveland Indians went both games of the double-header with the Nats.

Fighting to hang on to their slim American League lead, the Indians squeezed out a 2-1 decision in the opener and followed with a 12-inning 6-4 verdict in the thrill-packed afterpiece. Mon

Feller, who has encountered the displeasure of the baseball world by his walkout on the All-Star game, made his second start in the nightcap since that ill-advised move.

With the third largest crowd of the season giving him the works every second and the Nats touching him up for six hits and three runs, Feller wasn't around after the fifth inning. Washington D.C.

Satch Paige in Briefly

At two-hit intervals, he was succeeded by Satchel Paige, the long-armed Negro righthander, who struck out two in his one-inning tenure; Russ Christopher, Bob Lemon, Specks Klieman and Sam Zoldak, a Nat nemesis of long standing, who hurled the last two frames and received credit for the victory. Post. Mon. 7-19-48

After blowing a three-run lead when the Indians landed two-run haymakers in the seventh and eighth, the Nats forced the leaders into overtime with a rally in the ninth. But they blew up completely in the twelfth when the Indians manufactured their winning run.

Earl Harrist, the third of four Washington pitchers, was the victim of the late assault. He entered the game in the ninth and after two great innings of relief work he faded in the eleventh and passed completely out of the picture in the ill-fated twelfth.

Mitchell's Triple Does it

Leftfielder Dale Mitchell fired the shot that brought about his downfall, a triple to center to open the twelfth inning. Thurman Tucker flied to Carden Gillenwater to score Mitchell with the only run the Indians needed, but they paddled across another just to make it sure. Gil Coan's two-base error on Allie Clark's single and Joe Gordon's fly was the formula.

The Nats went down in order against Zoldak in the twelfth, winding up the three-hour and four-minute spectacle which could have been over three innings earlier if Rightfielder Clark hadn't made a spectacular catch of Mickey Vernon's smash in the ninth.

Vernon, breaking out of his slump, had already cracked out three doubles in the afterpiece and missed by inches being the big hero of the day.

With the tieing run already in and the winning run on second, Vernon sent a mighty hoist to rightfield. Clark backed up against the signs and made a leaping catch of the ball to prolong the action.

Eddie Yost's double and Mark Christman's single with two away, produced the Nat rally in the ninth that sent the teams into overtime.

Feller was touched up for two runs in the second on a walk, three hits and Mickey Haefner's fly to left. He was nicked for the third Nat run in the fourth when Al Evans singled to chase in Vernon, who had rammed out his second double. 7-19-48

Haefner, sailing along beautifully, gave up two runs in the seventh and was driven to cover in the eighth when the Tribe rocked him for four solid hits, two more runs and the lead at 4-3. Mon. 7-19-48

Early Wynn sustained his tenth loss in the opener, while Gene Bearden, who needed relief in the ninth, picked up his eighth success.

Wynn, making his first start since he was shelved with a foot injury in Boston two weeks ago, pitched one of his better games. He restricted the league-leaders to nine hits, the same number the Nats go off Bearden, but the Nats, as usual, couldn't come up with a hit in the crisis. Post.

Cleveland's tally in the first inning resulted from Dale Mitchell's infield hit, a walk to Judnich and Baudreau's single.

The Tribe produced the winning run in the fourth with two away when Catcher Jim Hegan paddled a triple to right to score Joe Gordon, who opened the frame with a single. Washington D.C.

Blanked for eight innings by the left-handed fast balls of Bearden, the Nats spoiled his shutout in the ninth with a two-hit volley which also expelled Bearden. Mon.

With two away, the sensational Mark Christman kept the Nats' hopes alive by rattling a double, his third hit of the game, off the wall in center. 7-19-48

Al Evans' second single scored him and also brought Russ Christopher to the hill. He snuffed out the rally by inducing Ed Stewart to roll to Joe Gordon.

IN SHORT—The Nats came within 3 feet of scoring in the fourth inning of the opener. Gillenwater, who had doubled, tried to come home on Christman's single, but Walt Judnich's perfect throw to Jim Hegan nailed the Nat centerfield before he had a chance to slide . . . Satchel Paige and Larry Doby were presented with radios between games by Harold Jackson of Station WINX . . . In Paige and Reliefer Russ Christopher the Indians have two of the tallest and skinniest players in the majors. Both are 6 feet 4 inches tall and weigh only 175 . . . Bruised left arm and all, Jake Early wanted to catch the second game, but Manager Joe Kuhel thought it better to hold him out another day . . . For tonight's third game, Bob Lemon (13-7) goes against Forrest Thompson (1-2), who'll be making his first start of the season.

Indians Give Three Negro Players Tryouts

Atlanta Daily World

Wed-6-30-48

CLEVELAND—(N N P A)—Three colored players—Pitchers Henry Miller and Pat Scantlebury and Outfielder Fred Thomas—received tryouts with the Cleveland Indians last week at the stadium, but the decision has not been reached upon their possibilities President Bill Beeck of the Indians said last Thursday night.

Miller, 27, from the Philadelphia Stars of the Negro National League; Scantlebury, 25 from the league's champion New York Cubans, and Thomas, 23, from the Farnham (Quebec, Canada) team of the Provincial League, performed under the supervision of Hank Greenberg, Bill McKechnie and Eddie Stumpf, director of the tribe's farm clubs.

They were recommended to the Indians' organization by Abe Saperstein, special scout for the trible.

Tribe buys two more Negro players

Sat 9-25-48

NEW YORK — Third baseman Oreste Minosa and 20-year-old hurler Jose Santiago, both of the New York Cubans, of the Negro National League, were sold last week to the Cleveland Indians, it was disclosed by Cuban owner Alex Pompez.

Kansas City

A three-year veteran with the Cubans, Minosa has twice been voted the best second-sacker in the league. He finished the past season with a .336 batting average; wings a mean ball to any place in the infield; and is one of the most reliable base runners in Negro baseball.

Santiago, who has a small but perfect record of two wins and no losses, has a baffling curve and just enough speed to make it consistently effective; and for a youngster has remarkable control.

Both players reported to the Indians last Monday and may make the line-up before the season closes down.

Price paid for the pair has not been disclosed, but it is believed Pompez got around $25,000 from Bill Veeck, headman of the Tribe.

Cleveland Farm Club Signs Pair

Afro American

Sat 9-4-48

Dayton, Central League, Gets Minosa, Santiago

Baltimore Md.

CLEVELAND — Two more colored baseball players have been signed to the Cleveland Indians' organization, it was disclosed this week.

The two — Oreste Minosa, an infielder, and Jose Santiago, pitcher — were signed by the Dayton club of the Central League, a farm of the Tribe.

Both Minosa and Santiago are Cubans and were members of the Latin outfit which won the Negro National League pennant last year and then defeated the Cleveland Buckeyes in the World Series.

New York newspapers reported on Sunday that Curtis Leake, Cubans' secertary, had announced the sale of the two players to the Indians. However, Rudy Schaefer, business manager of the Tribe, told the AFRO Monday that this was not true.

Nat

Class A League

According to Schaefer, Minosa and Santiago were signed by the Dayton team. He said he didn't know whether their contracts had been purchased or when they would report to their new club.

Leake reportedly told the press the two stars would make their final appearance in New York with the Cubans on Sunday.

The Central League is Class A, and includes Flint, Grand Rapids, Muskegon, Saginaw, in Michigan; Fort Wayne, Ind., and Dayton, Ohio. Dayton is currently second in the standings.

Santiago was beaten, 3-2, by the Newark Eagles at the Polo Grounds Sunday. His season's record in NNL baseball is two wins, one loss.

Minosa, approached by the Brooklyn Dodgers in Havana in the spring of 1947, preferred to remain with the Cubans. For 36 games this season, he hit .336 on 51 safeties in 152 at bats, included among which were nine doubles, seven triples and three home-runs.

He is 25 years old, a good fielder with strong throwing arm and very fast on the baselines. — LACY

Cleveland Indians To Seek Negro Baseball Players

Black Dispatch

Oklahoma City

CLEVELAND — (ANP) —The Cleveland Indians last week became the first team in the American league and the second team in the majors to seek Negro baseball players on a large scale when they signed a group headed by Abe Saperstein of Chicago to scout for colored players. Sept-22-48

The Indians plan to bring up colored players through their farm system as the Brooklyn Dodgers of the National league have done with such players as Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella. Last year the Indians became the first team in the league to sign a Negro when Larry Doby joined the club. Doby is now a regular in the outfield.

Saturday, he hit the second longest home run ever slammed out in Griffith stadium as his team defeated the Senators.

Saperstein, who owns the world famous Harlem Globe Trotters basketball team and originated the East-West colored all star baseball classic is called by the Cleveland management "the biggest man in the field of Negro athletics with a scouting organization."

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Record Crowd Sees Master Beat Chicago

The Defender
Sat 8-28-48
Chicago Ill

78,382 See Doby's Single Win 1 to 0 Game For Indians

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By A. S. "Doc" YOUNG

(Sports Editor, Cleveland Call-Post)

CLEVELAND — (Special) — Ol' Satchel Paige tore down all records last Friday night when he handed the Chicago White Sox a 1-0 drubbing, and blossomed out as a regular starting pitcher for the Cleveland Indians, leaders in the hectic American League race.

Ol' Satch was "in his sins." The elongated right-hander of Bill Veeck's Tribe let the Pale Hose down with three hits—two singles and a double.

The 44-year-old star of the Negro American League and hero of two East vs West games may be destined to fill the shoes of the once great Babe Ruth who died Monday of last week. Surely no single player, not even Lou Gehrig, Ruth's teammate who passed before the Bambino, has been able to pack 'em in as has Paige.

Great Drawing Card

On Tuesday night, Aug. 3, Paige drew 74,000 in Cleveland, his first starting assignment. He beat the Washington Senators, 5-3 although he retired in the home seventh for a pinch-hitter. On Friday night, Aug. 13, he packed them in at Comiskey Park, Chicago, where 51,013 set a night record in Chicago and topped all previous Sox attendance. Fully 15,000 were unable to gain admission to the park. Paige allowed but 5 hits in the full 9 innings and shut the Sox out, 5-0.

The previous record at Comiskey Park had been set in the Labor Day doubleheader between the Sox and the Detroit Tigers in 1945.

Then came the announcement that Paige would start against the Sox here in an effort to hang up two straight on the Pale Hose. He set 'em down with three hits and a 1-0 victory but this time a new all time high for night games was hung up. A crowd of 78,382 jammed Municipal Stadium on the Lake front where the Indians play their home games.

This huge crowd was a new record in the American League for one single game. The total attendance for the three games in which Paige has started is 201,829

Paige pitched a game that was near-perfect, technically, when he shut out the Chicago White Sox, 1-0 on three measley hits. It was the fourth straight shutout for the Cleveland pitchers, and the feat took the Tribe to within three innings of a new scoreless record.

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Larry Doby, fleet center fielder, collaborated with Paige in shutting out the Chicago team. He singled sharply to center in the fourth inning to score his manager, Lou Boudreau, with the game's only run. Boudreau had singled to right and had advanced to second on Third Baseman Ken Keltner's single to left.

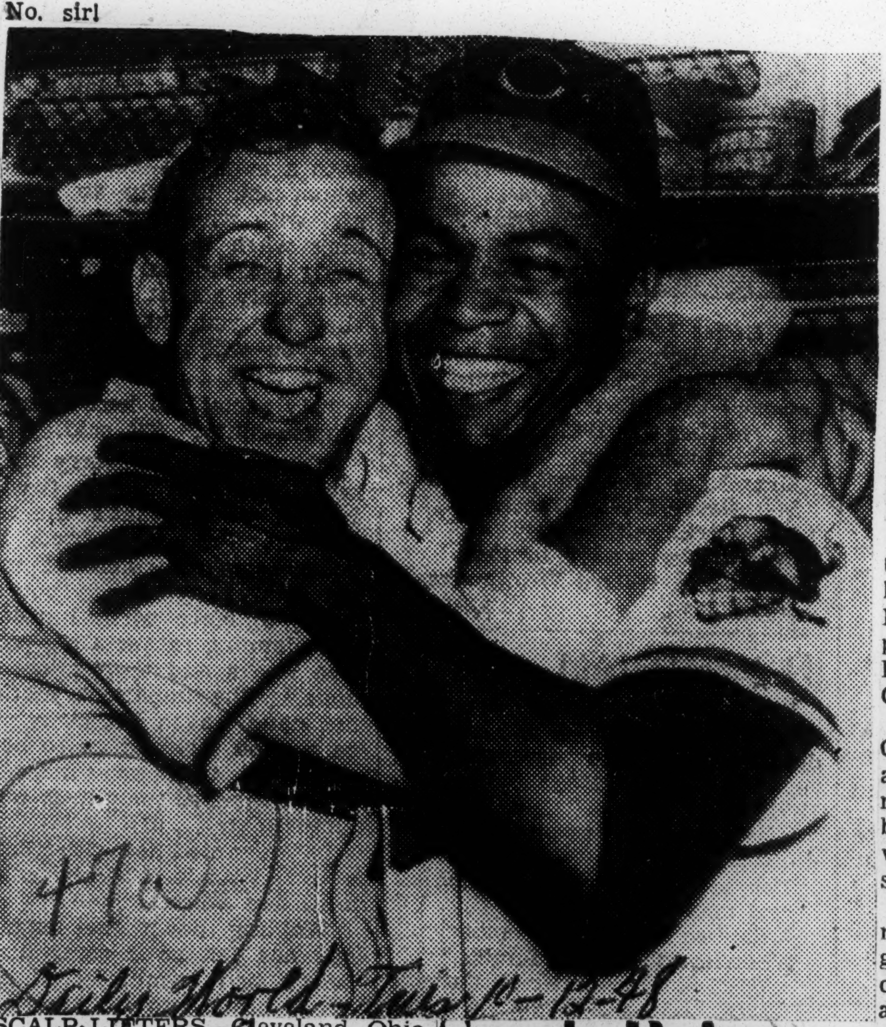
Twice, when things got a bit crucial for Paige, Larry stepped into the role of chief defender. In the top of the fourth, First Baseman Tony Lupien walked. Then, Third Baseman Luke Appling shot a hot, single to center field. Doby took the ball on the first hop and rifled a throw to third to nip the speeding Lupien. In the seventh, Pat Seerey, the strong boy who homers or strikes out for the most part, caught one of Paige's fast, outside pitches and sent it zooming 380 feet to the left center field fence but, again, Doby was there, back to the fence, and pulled the ball down to save Paige the embarrassment a homer would have caused. Later, Doby said the ball would have gone over had he not reached it.

Paige was the complete master of the Sox as he earned his fifth decision, against one defeat, since joining the Tribe in July. He allowed but three hits—one in the second, a blooper single by Seerey, another in the fourth, a single by Appling, and one in the sixth, a double to right by Lupien. He walked but one man and struck out five. The side was retired in order in six of the nine innings.

Bill Wright, the former New York Yankee left hander, faced the Indians and, excepting the fourth inning, he was a tough man. The Tribe got eight hits; but, they weren't bunched effectively.

After the game was ended, and Paige was happily reflecting on his victory, reporters, kiddingly, told the hurler that he might be named 'The Rookie of the Year." Paige grinned, said it took him 22 years to get there.

But, there was no kidding when Paige was on that mound. No. sir!



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Daily World Tues 10-12-48

Atlanta Ga

SCALP LIFTERS—Cleveland, Ohio-Two happy indians—of the Cleveland Tribe Rejoice in their dressing room after helping lift the scalp of the Boston Braves in the Fourth World Series Game. Steve Gromek, at left, pitched 7-hit ball to lead the indians to their 2 o 1 victory. Larry Doby, at right slammed out home run-enough for the margin of victory. (INP).

Satch Paige Too Cunning For Nats in 10-1 Victory

The Post
Tues 8-31-48
Wash., D.C.

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By Morris Siegel
Post Reporter

With Satchel Paige as the main attraction, a standing room crowd of more than 29,000 turned out for the finale of the three-game series between hte Nats and Indians last night.

The Indians won easily by a 10-1 score.

Paige, who made his debut as a Major League starter by beating the Nats, 5-3, in Cleveland in June, was shooting for his sixth victory. The ageless Negro righthander has been beaten only once. He has made four previous starts.

Paige was opposed, but only briefly, by Ray Scarborough, ace of the Nats' staff. Scarborough (12-7) retired with a pulled muscle in his right leg after pitching to only two batters in the first inning.

He disposed of leadoff man Dale Mitchell, but Walt Judnich doubled to launch the Indians on a 3-run inning. Scarborough had a 3-2 count on Manager Lou Boudreau when he was relieved by Mickey Haefner.

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Haefner walked Boudreau and also Joe Gordon to fill the bases. Keltner forced Gordon at second as Judnich scored. Mickey Vernon allowed Eddie Robinson's hard-hit grounder to get by him for an error and two more Indians scored.

The Nats got their first hit off Paige in the second inning when Vernon singled wiht one away. Paige then balked Vernon to second, precipitating a stormy and violet protest by Boudreau to Plate Umpire Bill Summers.

The Indians increased their lead to 5-0 in the third. Gordon doubled to right with one away and Heafner hit Doby after Keltner had popped up. Robinson then doubled off the right field wall to score Gordon and Doby.

With two away in the fourth, Gordon got his second straight hit, a triple to center, to drive in two more Cleveland runs. His three-bagger scored Judnich, who had walked, ~~and~~ Boudeau who had singled.

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Against Paige in the first four innings, the Nats had only two singles. Kozar beat out a bunt to open the fourth, but was wiped out as Stewart grounded into a Robinson to Boudeau double play.

Doby drove in the eighth Cleveland run in the sixth with a double. It was the ninth Indian hit, five of which were for extra bases. Doby's two-bagger scored Boudreau, who had singled and moved to second on Gordon's single.

Playing with a swollen thumb on his right hand, Boudreau retired in the first half of the sixth. Gordon moved over to short with Johnny Berardino coming in at second base.

Satchmo issued his first walk in the sixth inning when Evans worked him for a pass. Clark, batting for Haefner, Coan and Kozar were one-two-three, however. Dick Welteroth came in to pitch in the seventh for Washington.

Welteroth yielded Cleveland's ninth and tenth runs in the eighth inning when he walked Keltner and Doby and Hegan followed with a triple to left field.

The Nats managed to get another single off Paige in the seventh when Robertson lined out a hit to right.

The Nats put together three singles to break up Paige's shutout in the eighth. Yost singled, Evans also singled, and Coan, whom Paige had fanned twice, singled to right to score Yost. Kozar hit into a double play to end the little rally.

Cleveland Indians In— So Are Doby and Paige

Afro American

Baltimore Md.

Red Sox Beaten, 8-3, in First Playoff in American League Baseball History

Sat. 10-9-48

By SAM LACY

BOSTON — The Cleveland Indians are in the World Series.

Larry Doby and Satchel Paige are also in.

The Tribe floated in on the wings of an 8-3 play-off victory over the Boston Red Sox here on a 40-degree Monday afternoon.

By a strange quirk, this marks the second year that colored players have played in the major leagues and the second year that a team with colored players has made the pay-off play.

Brooklyn Did It

The last time, they did it with the Brooklyn Dodgers—in the person of Jackie Robinson and Dan Bankhead.

Sat. 10-9-48

This time, it was Doby and Paige making it — a little harder than their predecessors perhaps, but making it just the same.

Doby Bangs Two Doubles

While Paige's activity was limited to warming up in the bull pen during the late stages, Doby contributed two ringing doubles to the 13-hit Cleveland attack.

The first of these came in the big fourth inning when the Tribe scored four runs to shoot well ahead. This blow was a barefoot short of being a home run, hitting just that distance below the left-field screen. He later scored on an infield out by Jim Hegan.

Squeeze Play Backfired

His second two-bagger led off the eighth inning, but after being sacrificed to third base, he was cut off on an attempted squeeze play which backfired.

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Doby's contribution for the day was two hits in five times at bat. His day in the field was an easy one, he having but one put out. That was Ellis Kindler's loft in the fifth.

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Negro Leagues

Negro Leagues Still Hope For Official Status

The News

Birmingham, Ala.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24—(AP)—The Negro National and American Baseball Leagues still held out hope today that they would gain admission to organized baseball. Tues 2-24-48

But as recently as last December they were "turned down cold," the Rev. John J. Johnson, president of the Negro National League, declares.

The Rev. Johnson said in a statement that formal applications of both circuits were turned down by the National Association of Minor Leagues at the Miami meeting in December. 2-24-48

He also reported both loops were in a "precarious situation" because of the drawing power of Jackie Robinson and other Negroes now playing in the majors.

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THE NEGRO OFFICIAL served on a committee with Larry MacPhail, former New York Yankees' president, and Branch Rickey Brooklyn Dodgers' president, studying the problem of Negroes in baseball. The News

MacPhail made a report recommending aid to the Negro leagues, and admittance to organized baseball "after their house has been put in order."

The Rev. Johnson said the Negro leagues met the suggestions, but were turned down, apparently on some technicality. Birmingham, Ala.

"Two years after MacPhail's recommendations were made, the Negro leagues still possess no status, no voice, no rights, no relationship at all to the major or the minor leagues," he said. Tues 2-24-48

Minors Spurned Negro Loops

PM

Negro baseball, wobbly at the box office after the loss of Jackie Robinson, claims it was turned down cold last December when it asked admission to organized baseball. Tues. 47a 2-24-48

The Rev. John J. Johnson, president of the Negro National League, said yesterday in a written statement that the National Assn. of Minor Leagues had rejected the application. Both the National and American Negro Leagues applied.

he said.

Action by the Negro leagues was the result of a September, 1945 report by Larry MacPhail, then Yankees president. He was serving on a committee headed by the Rev. Johnson as chairman. Branch Rickey, Brooklyn president, also was a member of the group appointed by the late Mayor LaGuardia to consider the problem of the Negro in baseball.

New York, N.Y.

MacPhail Recommended Aid to Negro Leagues

MacPhail recommended the majors help strengthen the Negro leagues and take action to admit them into organized baseball "after their house had been put in order." New York, N.Y.

The Rev. Johnson, who took office Jan. 1, 1947, said his league improved scheduling, adopted a new constitution and uniform contracts to meet MacPhail's suggestions. PM

"Yet, it is significant," he said, "that in spite of improved organization, when these two Negro leagues made formal application for admission to organized baseball in December, 1947, at the Miami meeting of the National Assn. of Professional Baseball Leagues, they were turned down cold.

"Two years after MacPhail's recommendations were made, the Negro leagues still possess no status, no voice, no rights no relationship at all to the major or the minor leagues." Tues. 2-24-48

Rickey Never Told About Application

Rickey, he said, never was informed by him about the Negro leagues' decision to apply for membership last December.

"We were advised to apply in writing," he added, "and we did. I received an answer telling us we had been turned down. I do not want to say who advised us or who told us we had lost. Let it be enough to say that we made an official application. It seems there was some technicality we didn't meet."

The Negro National League president said he realized that baseball had rules on territorial rights. These would conflict in most cities, as the Negro league often uses big league parks and has none of its own. He intimated that the majors had condoned such a situation for years, renting their parks to the Negro league for its games when their clubs were away from home.

Complimenting Rickey's action in giving Jackie Robinson his chance, the Rev. Johnson singled out Brooklyn's contribution as far superior to that of MacPhail's.

"In my opinion," he said, "the practical value of the step taken by Rickey outweighs that of recommendations about which nothing is done. As far as taking constructive steps toward solution of the question of the Negro in baseball, the MacPhail report never got beyond the paper it was written on." Tues. 2-24-48

The Negro leagues find themselves in a "precarious situation," he said, as the result of the drawing power of Robinson and other Negroes in the majors. He said 1947 was a "well nigh disastrous season" for his league.

POWELL, BEST HURLER IN NEGRO AMERICAN LEAGUE, UNDERRATED

Black Dispatch

Sat 6-5-48

Oklahoma City Okla

BIRMINGHAM — (ANP) — The best hurler in the Negro American league is William "Bill" Powell, ace pitcher of the Birmingham Black Barons' seven-deep, star-studded hurling staff, who during his first season's play last year topped all league pitchers with a 1,000 percentage pitching record. But, strange as it may seem, Powell is not rated at the top of the heap.

According to the official and final release from Howe News bureau for 1947, Powell has a 7-0 record for the season. However, by Powell's admission, which is supported by Tommy Sampson, Barons' 1947 manager, and other teammates, 19 victories were chalked up by the elongated right hander. The catch in the official report is that the Negro American league tabs certain of their games as "exhibition" matches.

The national press made much of the fact that Vibert Clark made a 13-2 record pitching for the Cleveland Buckeyes, and also Jim LeMarkque of Kansas City for his 11-3 record, but did not mention Powell.

Last week, however, the Birmingham World saluted Powell during his second year's pitching. So far, the Barons' ace has a 5-0 record, which is tops for all hurlers in the circuit. Sat 6-5-48

Big league material, Powell has speed, baseball savvy, confidence in himself and his teammates. His swift breaking curve ball can be carefully delivered from many angles, as is his strikeout ball. His sole weakness is in bases on ball, arising from the fact that he is a "spot" pitcher. Above all, Powell does not ruffle under adverse conditions, for he is at his bests with men on base. Coupled with a will to win, the Barons' ace succeeds in wringing victory from apparent defeat.

Baltimore Elite Giant Player Says Negro Leagues Ignored

Atlanta, Ga. Daily World Wed 4-14-4.

BY MARION E. JACKSON

Here is a vivid lesson and a grim warning for every sportswriter in the United States. The story is in a question asked me this week by Joe Black, Baltimore Elite Giant hurler, who studied at Morgan State College, Baltimore, Maryland, "Why is it," Black asked "when I pick up a Negro newspaper there are columns of stories on Jackie Robinson, Roy Campanella and Larry Doby and only a few sentences on the Negro leagues and players?"

Black continued "You sportswriters get your support primarily from the Negro leagues and you say you want them to survive, but how can they survive if they don't get the proper support."

Black picked up several of the national weeklies which were on our desk. "Look here! This is what I mean. Here is a whole page on the Brooklyn Dodgers and scarcely a mention of what the Negro leagues are doing." Daily World

"You know," he said "one of the national papers is running a contest on "Why I Think Colored Baseball Should Be Supported" and yet that same paper has only a few lines on Negro baseball."

NEGRO BASEBALL IGNORED

"It does not make sense to run a contest in one little space about Negro baseball then ignore it in the rest of the papers columns. They contradict themselves."

"I know Campanella and Doby. We played together in South America. They're good players. Our national papers are playing them up to high heavens and they deserve it, but there are a lot of good, young players who need recognition."

"These young players ought to be helped. They need expert training. Negro ball clubs don't have time to train players....they have to play here today and there tomorrow."

PLAYERS NEED A BREAK

"Younger players need a break. Take James Gillon who plays second base of Nashville, Tenn.; Thomas Butts, shortstop of Atlanta, Ga.; Johnny Washington, first base, of Montgomery, Ala, and such players as Robert Rombo and Edward Finney. They could make the grade with the Negro press recognizing what they can do and encouraging them."

Atlanta, Ga.

"But the old established players are getting the break and the build up." Wed 4-14-48

There is a sermon in Black's complaint. It appears to me that we have gone overboard in our buildup for the Brooklyn Dodgers and the Cleveland Indians who pioneered the Negro in Organized Ball. Yet, Negro sportswriters are wailing high wide and handsome for the survival of Negro baseball, who must furnish the players for the major leagues if our integration in these leagues is to continue.

NEED A HELPING HAND

Our sportswriters cannot give the Dodgers and the Indians headline play week after week without lending a helping hand to the leagues who furnished Campanella, Doby and Robinson to the majors. We cannot forget that these player who cracked Organized Ball's ironclad Jim Crow came up the hard way through the Negro leagues.

Black, who pitches for the Baltimore Elite Giants, is a college man who has travelled the breath and length of the United States. He is only asking for what is due Negro baseball. Wed 4-14-48

MANAGER JESSE WALKER

His manager is Jesse "Horse" Walker, who piloted the Indianapolis Clowns before Ramio Ramirez took over this season. Walker, no doubt will be assigned permanently to the managerial post held by Candy Jim Taylor, who died last week in Chicago.

Negro baseball deserves some of the headlines. A whole lot of the glory. Our newspapers and sportswriters should see that they get it.

Wed. 4-14-48

We can't ignore our big league stars, but we should monopolize our pages with stories of them while ignoring the gold mine of prospective big league talent in our leagues.

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Negro Ball Players Fight $6,000 Salary Limit; Lyle

Memphis World

3-23-48

By GEORGE LYLE, JR.

For the NNPA News Service

PHILADELPHIA—(NNPA)—News from the baseball front was definitely disquieting last week. Owners in the Negro National League, who gathered together in the serene sanctuary of the Hotel Theresa over last week-end to compare notes all had the same beef, so I was told.

Memphis Tenn.

Briefly, the ball players aren't having muct to do with the new fangled idea promulgated by the moguls in their earlier meeting. That was the one which set a $6,000 top on a team's payroll. The players are up in arms and many have refused to sign at the reduced rates which have been offered them.

From the local contingent I've learned that Gene Benson has returned from Venezuela and that Bill Cash is en route to Hot Springs for a series of messages and stuff. Wilmer Harris, slick curveballer, has been racking up a few points on a North hilly cage team while Mal Duckett swears he hit the cords for thirty points in a game played against Al Apples" Wilmore last week.

SPORTS DOOR OPENED

Another door was opened when the bars were dropped by the United States Lawn Tennis Association and it accepted the entry of Dr. Reginal Weir, a physician, of New York, in the national indoor singles tennis championships.

Weir held the national title in the American Tennis Association (the sepia version of the USLTA) for any years.

After breezing by his first round opponent, winning in two straight sets, 6-4 and 6-2, Weir himself was eliminated in straight sets, 6-1, 6-1, by Will Talbert, who rated No. 5 in the USLTA ratings.

What hasn't been brought out in the stories in the dailies about Dr. Weir was that he is no longer a youngster.

Vernon Jefferson, a sophomore at the Philadelphia College of Science and Pharmacy, and an outstanding athlete, has been slated to run for committeeman of the GOP ticket.

OUTSTANDING PLAYER

Jefferson, who is president of the Varsity Club at PCP, is also an outstanding player on the Omega Psi Phi five which plays in the closing game, Saturday.

Speaking of basketball, Cliff Bush

and the Bears will offer a twin bill at the Elates Ballroom in Monday, March 22, with the Bears meeting the Gothem All-Stars and the New York Rens tangling with the Dayton Mets.

The game, originally scheduled for the Met, that palace devoted to sports which was run by the Jimmy Toppi's, Sr. and Jr., was completely destroyed by fire last week.

CINDER PATH ARTISTS

On the cinder path, or rather, on the boards, Harrison "Mr. Hurdles" Dillard, of Baldwin-Wallace College, broke two U. S. marks in the 70-yard high and low hurdles in a meet held in Chicago. This marks his forty-fifth straight triumph over the sticks and sets him apart as one of the surest representatives on the American Olympic team.

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Out in California, Lloyd LaBeach, who has a brother, Sam, at Morgan State College, tied the world's record in the 100-yard dash, but it will not be allowed because, according to Starter Brutus Hamilton, he had a "rolling start."

I hate to confess my ignorance but will someone kindly define that item, "rolling start," for me?

A late notice brings to light that the Cardoza High (DC) trackstars will compete in Camden, New Jersey's annual indoor trackfest.

These lads, under veteran coach "Sal" Hall, have compiled an enviable record and, in Billy Mathis of Illinois, have another potential Olympic great.

Negro National League

Negro Baseball Owners Flay Branch Rickey

47a The Lighthouse

CHICAGO — (ANP) — Owners in the Negro American league scored Branch Rickey Sr., president of the Brooklyn Dodgers, in their two-day schedule meeting at the Hotel Grand. Rickey was the target for having deliberately signed Jackie Robinson in the fall of 1946 without consulting the owners of the Kansas City Monarchs who claimed Robinson as their property.

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Tom Baird of Kansas City, Kan. now sole owner of the Negro club, expressed his surprise at Rickey's failure to be "gentleman enough to answer his correspondence."

Both Rickey and Robinson, first baseman on the Brooklyn Dodgers, declare that the Monarchs had no written contract with Jackie.

To this Baird says, "We, meaning my former partner, J. L. Wilkinson, who has been in Negro organized baseball since 1920, had several players whom we did not sign to written contracts because we found that such contracts worked to our detrement. Other players on the Monarchs club became disgruntled when shown contracts calling for more money than they were being paid.

"Our word was our bond. Telegrams and letters exchanged with Robinson was, as far as we were concerned, a binding contract. We paid what we promised. Robinson admits that we paid him more than he received as a member of the Montreal Royals of the International league, a Brooklyn farm club."

The Negro American League has two white men who are club owners. They are Tom Baird and Syd Pollock of Tarrytown, N. Y., the latter owning the Indianapolis Clowns. The Negro owners are Dr. J. B. Martin, Chicago; Dr. B. B. and Dr. W. S. Martin, Memphis; Tom Hayes Jr., Birmingham, and Ernie Wright, Cleveland. The clubs play in major and minor league parks when the home teams are away.

Dr. J. B. Martin called attention to the case of John Richey, Chicago catcher ,signed by the San Diego Padres. "Although we could not put our hands on Richey's contract, William Starr, president of the Padres, sent me a check for a satisfactory sum," he said.

3-7-48

It was pointed out, at the meeting, that Rickey had signed Roy Campanella, catcher for the Baltimore Eilte Giants; John Wright, pitcher for the Washington Homestead Grays, and Don Newcombe pitcher for the Newark Eagles.

Newcombe finished his second year with the Nashua, N. H. Dodgers in the New England league last season, Wright was given his release after a trial with Montreal and Three Rivers club of the Canadian-American league, Campanella served one year with the Nashua Dodgers and last year made a creditable showing with the Montreal Royals. He will come up for a tryout with the Brooklyn Dodgers this spring. These men were the property of the Negro National league clubs.

Rickey paid a reported $1.000 for Roy Partlow, pitcher on the Philadelphia Stars. He has since been released. Near the season's end, Rickey bought the contract of Dan Bankhead pitcher on the Memphis Red Sox. He signed Sammy Gee, Detroit Negro high school player, last summer for one of his farm teams.

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The St. Louis Browns signed Willard Brown, outfielder, and Henry Thompson, infielder of the Kansas City Monarchs after conferring with Baird. Both were dropped from the club's roster later. The Browns' move followed the signing of Larry Doby, Newark Eagles player, by William Veeck, president of the Cleveland Indians. Doby was used as an understudy at Lou Boudreau at second base. His signed contract for the 1948 season is in the hands of the Cleveland owners.

When asked why he didn't take Rickey to court Baird answered that he would have been "on the spot." "We welcomed Jackie's ad-advancing in baseball and we would have been okay with us—have intimated that we didn't want a Negro player integrated into big time baseball. But we still believe Rickey owes us a moral obligation. Whatever he might have offered would have been okap with us—but to ignore our efforts to obtain something for our great shortstop is preposterous."

3-7-48

The Negro American and Negro National league have patterned their contracts after the two major league contracts, inserting the word "Negro" wherever necessary. "If these contracts don't stand up now then the contracts of the majors don't" is the concensus of the owners in the two Negro circuits .

In the meantime, Rickey ignores Baird's pleas.

6 NNL Teams, Rejuvenated With Young Talent, Prep for League Opening May 1

47 The Afro American

Sat 4-24-48

NEW YORK — The Negro National League, John H. Johnson, president, will inaugurate its fourteenth season on May 1, in what is expected to be a banner year.

The six NNL clubs all have made great improvements in their playing personnel, crowding their rosters with youngsters who are hopeful of being spotted and touted for the major leagues.

Baltimore Md

No expense has been spared by the clubs in preparing themselves for the big season ahead. All have had extensive and expensive spring traiinng tours.

The world champion N.Y. Cubans might have waived spring training as the club was active all winter in the Cuban Winter League. But Alex Pompez was afraid his hirelings might go stale and had them shaping up in Florida and New Orleans.

2 New Managers

Effa Manley's Newark Eagles trained at Jacksonville and has a fast young aggregation with a new manager, William Bell, to spur them to regain the laurels of the league champions.

The Baltimore Elite Giants were in Nashville and they too have a new manager in Jesse (Hoss) Walker, who takes over from the late Jim Taylor, who did not get a chance to see his new team at work. The Elites are as popular in Baltimore as the Dodgers are in Brooklyn.

The Homestead Grays, once synonymous with the league championship, winning eight of 14 pennants, have revamped their entire team.

Sat 4-24-48

Oscar Charleston manages Ed Bolden's Philly Stars who used the barnstorming method to fashion his team into form. Philadelphians are clamoring for a winner and Bolden thinks a new manager will help to bring one.

The N.Y. Black Yankees set a precedent by hiring two coaches to derrick out of the league's cellar, where they have been perched for the past six years. They trained at Hot Springs, Ark., and took the baths to try to bring them into a contending position.

Negro American & National give up joint schedule idea

Tribune Los Angeles Calif.

Sat. 7-3-48

NEW YORK — After failing to work out an interlocking schedule in two days of trying, the Negro National and American league gave up and closed down their meeting here at Hotel Theresa.

Bug they couldn't lick was how they could get their teams to appointed places on schedule by bus, the exclusive transportation of both leagues.

Before going their separate ways home, however, league representatives reaffirmed their resolution to keep an ironclad ban on ineligibles, struck up an accordance with the Carribean Federation of Leagues, which includes Puerto Rican, Cuban, and the Panamanian leagues. Sat.

Dates for the annual East-West classic was approved for Chicago's Comiskey park on Aug. 22; and the Eastern Allstar game at Yankee stadium Aug. 24. 7-3-48

Both leagues presented their completed schedules for the second-half season, will make them public next week simultaneously. Inclement weather had rained them out of 36 games in the first half, and half a dozen more scheduled league tilts were called off because of light failures, conflicting prize fight shows, etc., all of which loaded up the remaining schedules.

The Negro American Ass'n, through a petition by its president, C. L. Moore, got a joint guarantee it wouldn't be raided for its best players any more, that they will either be drafted or purchased. Tribune

Before leaving the National bigwigs approved the return of Patricio Scantelbury, New York Cuban pitcher, and Henry Miller, of the Philly Stars, both of whom had been working on option with the Cleveland Indians, of the American League. Los Angeles Calif.

Sat 7-3-48

Negro American Ass n Organized

Courier Pittsburgh, G

1-3-48- Sat.

GREENSBORO, N. C.—Sunday afternoon at the Windsor Community Center, the Negro American Association, a baseball league was organized. Sat. 1-3-48

The following teams were given franchises: Richmond Giants of Richmond, Va.; Danville All-Stars of Danville, Va.; Raleigh Tigers of Raleigh, N. C.; Durham Eagles of Durham, N. C.; Greensboro Red Wings of Greensboro, N. C.; Winston-Salem Pond Giants of Winston-Salem, N. C.; Asheville Blues, former member and champions of the Negro Southern League in 1946 and 1947. 1-3-48

The Blues' home grounds will be Asheville and Charlotte in North Carolina. The Raleigh Tigers were also members of the Negro Southern League. Several applications have been received for the eighth place in the league. One of these applications will be accepted at the January meeting.

OFFICERS NAMED

The following officers were elected: C. L. Moore, former athletic director and coach at Stephens-Lee High School, Asheville, N. C., president; C. U. Deberry, former athletic director and coach, A. and T. College, Greensboro, N. C., vice president; F. B. Morris, principal of Goshen School, Greensboro, secretary; D. J. Keck, cashier at Farmers and Mechanics Bank, Raleigh, treasurer.

The league season will begin May 2 with the first half ending July 4. The mid-winter meeting will be held Jan. 25 at Winston-Salem. Owners present were Messrs. Mitchell of the Durham Eagles, F. B. Morris of the Greensboro Red Wings, Arthur Dove of the Raleigh Tigers, James W. Peters of the Danville All-Stars, Campbell of the Winston-Salem Pond Giants, Joe Miles of the Richmond Giants, and C. L. Moore of the Asheville Blues.

Plans Completed For "Dream Game"

Daily World

Atlanta, Ga. Fri. 7-30-48

NEW YORK—(NNPA)—Negro National League officials banished two pitchers of the Homestead Grays from organized baseball here Monday, July 26 at their meeting to complete plans for the East-West game to be held in Chicago August 21 and the All Star "Dream Game" set for New York, August 24.

Banished from competition were John Wright and "Groundhog" Thompson, Gray twirlers, who were both declared ineligible for competition because they "jumped" to the Mexican League.

With representatives from all the league's member teams attending, except the Homestead Grays, league officials named nineteen players for participation in the East-West and All Star games and designated Jose Fernandez to manage the East's team and picked Vic Harris of the Grays and Martin Barker of the New York Black Yankees as the East's coaches. 7-30-48

PLAYERS SELECTED Fri.

The Baltimore Elite Giants, the Newark Eagles and the New York Cubans each placed four men on the All Star and East-West lineups. The Grays and the Philadelphia Stars each will have three men on the team and the Blac Yanks will furnish one. Fri.

On the Eight-man pitchnig staff, the Eagles, the Elite Giants and the Cubans, will furnish two men each, and the Yanks and the Stars one each. 7-30-48

The roster includes: Buck Leonard, Grays, first base; Jame Gellam, Elite Giants, second base Thomas Butts, Giants, shortstop Minosa Oreste, Cubans, third base; Robert Harvey, Eagles right field; Louis Marque, Grays center field; Lucius Easter, Grays, left field; William Cash, Stars, catcher; Rufus Lewis, and Manny Maxwell, Eagles; Joseph Black and Robert Rombey, Giants; Henry Miller, Stars; Robert Griffith, Black Yanks; Pat Scantlebury and David Barnhill, Cubans, pitchers. Frank Austin, Stars; Monty Irving, Eagles; and Lewis Loveden, Cubans, utility players.

Negro National League Standings

Tribune

Los Angeles Calif.

RESULTS, JUNE 22-2

June 22 — Baltimore 6, Homestead Grays 5; Phila. Stars at Newark (rain).

June 24 — N. Y. Cubans at Newark (rain); Baltimore at Homestead Grays (Wash., rain).

June 25 — Baltimore 8, N. Y. Black Yanks 0; N. Y. Cubans at Newark (postponed).

June 27 — Baltimore 11, N. Y. Yanks 2, (1st); Baltimore 4, N. Y. Yanks 0, (2nd); N. Y. Cubans 7, Homestead Grays 2, (1st); Homestead Grays 2, N. Y. Cubans 1, (2nd); Newark 4, Phila. Stars 0, (1st); Phila. Stars at Newark (2nd game, rain).

STANDINGS Sat. 7-3-48

	W	L	Pct.
Homestead Grays	21	11	.656
Baltimore	22	12	.647
Newark	14	11	.560
Phila. Stars	14	13	.518
N. Y. Cubans	10	13	.434
N. Y. Black Yanks	4	25	.137

SCHEDULE, JUNE 29-JULY 5

June 29 — Homestead Grays at Newark; N. Y. Cubans at Baltimore.

June 30 — Homestead Grays at Newark (Trenton).

July 1 — Newark at Homestead Grays (Washington, D. C.).

July 2 — Homestead Grays at Newark; Phila. Stars at Baltimore.

July 4 — Phila. Stars at Baltimore; N. Y. Black Yanks at N. Y. Cubans (Polo grounds); Newark at Homestead Grays (Wash., D. C.).

July 5 — Homestead Grays at Baltimore; Phila. Stars vs. N. Y. Yanks (Yankee stadium); Newark at N. Y. Cubans (2nd game, Yankee stadium).

Turn Backs On Bid For Status Of Players

The Defender

Sat 3-6-48

Chicago Ill.

NEW YORK — In a written statement the Rev. John J. Johnson, president of the Negro National league, said last week that the National Association of Minor Leagues rejected the application the two leagues submitted las. December.

This action taken by Negro baseball, which is shaky at the box office after the loss of Jackie Robinson, was prompted in 1945 when Larry MacPhail recommended that the majors help strengthen Negro leagues and take action to admit them into organized baseball "after their house has been put in order."

Late Mayor Urged Study

At the time of MacPhail's recommendation he was president of the Yankees and serving on a committee headed by the Rev. Johnson as chairman and Branch Rickey, Brooklyn president, as a member of the group which had been appointed by the late Mayor LaGuardia to consider the problem of the Negro in baseball.

The Rev. Mr. Johnson, who took office Jan. 1, 1947, said that in order to meet Mac Phail's suggestions his league improved scheduling, adopted a new constitution and uniform contracts. But "in spite of improved organization," he said, "when these two Negro leagues made formal application for admission to organized baseball in December 1947 at the Miami meeting of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, they were turned down cold."

Sat 3-6-48

Still No Status

"Two years after MacPhail's recommendations were made," the Rev. Mr. Johnson pointed out, "the Negro leagues still possess no status, no voice, no rights, no relationship at all to the major or the minor leagues."

He added: "We were advised to apply in writing and we did. I received an answer telling us we had been turned down. I do not want to say who advised us or who told us we had lost. Let it be enough to say that we made an official application. It seems there was some technicality we didn't meet."

Negro baseball in the red; one team folds

The Tribune

Sat 9-25-48

NEWARK, N. J. — Hard put for the last couple of seasons to get fans through the turnstiles to keep their books out of the red, Negro National League teams finished off their 1948 season last week worse off than ever, with at least one of them on the brink of calling it quits.

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Mrs. Effa Manley, co-owner of the 1946 Negro World Champion Newark Eagles, announced that she was almost sure her team will disband "for good," that the bottom had fallen out. Only thing that pulled the Eagles through financially last season, said Mrs. Manley, was the $15,000 the Cleveland Indians paid for her star secondbaseman and league-leading slugger, Larry Doby.

Sat 9-25-48

What was happening to Negro baseball? With Jackie Robinson, Doby and Satchel Paige doing regular stints in the majors, Negro fans were flocking to see them and staying away from Negro games in droves.

Rufus Lewis, Lone Newark Holdout

The Afro American

Eagles Say Next Move Up to Stubborn Hurler

Sat 4-24-48

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — After undergoing two weeks of conditioning work here, the Newark Eagles are beginning to round into form and Manager Will Bell will soon pick the team that will open the Negro National League season.

Baltimore Md.

All of the veteran members of the team are in camp with the exception of Rufus Lewis, who is the lone stubborn holdout, and Monty Irvin, who is temporarily under the care of his physician. Irvin is expected to join the club later.

Just how serious the situation with Lewis is can be gleaned from the statement from the business manager, Mrs. Effa Manley, who told the press this week that "We have made our offer to Lewis and it is up to him to take it or leave it."

Sat 4-24-48

Ashby May Catch

In the meantine, Manager Bell is whipping together a really first class aggregation. Present indications point to Earl Ashby doing the catching with an infield composed of Lennie Pearson at first base, Oscar Givens at second, either Leroy Williams or Curly Williams at shortstop with Robert Wilson at third base.

The outfield will consist of Bob Harvey in right field, Jimmie Wilkes in centerfield and James Brown in left. The pitching staff will have Max Manning, Len Hooker, Johnny Davis, Warren Peace, Robert Cotton and a rookie sensation, James Carter, who hails from Princeton, N.J.

The team will break camp around May 1 and will open the home season at Ruppert Stadium on May 9.

45-Game NNL First Half Schedule Opens on May 2

The Afro American

Sat 4-3-48

The 45-game first half schedule of the Negro National League was released last week, following a meeting of the NNL officials at Theresa Hotel. The official league opening is scheduled for May 2, but the Rev. John H. Johnson, president, pointed out that changes may be made in the released slate before the start of the campaign.

Baltimore Md.

The schedule:

Thurs., Apr. 29 — Baltimore at Homestead Grays (Pittsburgh).

Sat., May 1 — N.Y. Cubans at Phila. Stars (Wilmington).

Sun., May 2 — Homestead Grays at N.Y. Cubans (Yankee Stad.); Phila. Stars at N.Y. Black Yankees (Yankee Stad.); Newark at Baltimore.

Mon., May 3 — Cubans at Phila. Stars (Chester).

Tues., May 4 — Newark at Baltimore.

Wed., May 5 — Baltimore vs Newark (Trenton).

Thurs., May 6 — Baltimore vs. N.Y. Black Yanks (Chester).

Sun., May 9 — Phila. Stars at N.Y. Cubans (Polo Grounds); N.Y. Black Yanks at Baltimore; Homestead Grays at Newark.

Mon., May 10 — N.Y. Black vs. Homestead Grays (Shibe Park); Baltimore vs. Phila. Stars (Shibe Park).

Tues., May 11 — Homestead Grays at Baltimore; N.Y. Black Yanks vs. N.Y. Cubans (Wilmington); Phila. Stars vs. Newark (Trenton).

Wed., May 12 — N.Y. Black Yanks at Homestead Grays.

Thurs., May 13 — N.Y. Black Yanks at Homestead Grays; Phila. Stars at Newark.

Fri., May 14 — Phila. Stars vs. N.Y. Cubans (Shibe Park); Newark vs. Phila. Stars (Shibe Park); N.Y. Black Yanks at Baltimore.

Sat., May 15 — N.Y. Black Yanks at Homestead Grays (Pittsburgh); Baltimore vs. Phila. Stars (Wilmington); N.Y. Cubans at Newark (Trenton).

Sun., May 16 — Newark at N.Y. Cubans (Polo Grounds); Phila. Stars at Baltimore; N.Y. Black Yanks at Homestead Grays (Wash.).

Mon., May 17 — Newark vs. Baltimore (Chester).

Tues., May 18 — Homestead Grays at Baltimore.

Wed., May 19 — N.Y. Cubans at Homestead Grays (Harrisburg).

Thurs., May 20 — N.Y. Cubans at Homestead Grays (Washington).

Fri., May 21 — N.Y. Black Yanks at Newark (Atlantic City); N.Y. Cubans at Baltimore; Phila. Stars vs. Homestead Grays.

Sat., May 22 — Phila. Stars at Homestead Grays (Pittsburgh).

Sun., May 23 — Phila. Stars at Homestead Grays (Washington); Baltimore at N.Y. Cubans (Yankee Stadium); Newark at N.Y. Cubans vs.L. um); Newark at N.Y. Black Yanks (Rochester).

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Mon., May 24 — Newark vs. N.Y. Black Yanks; Phila. Stars vs. Homestead Grays; N.Y. Cubans vs. Baltimore (Wilmington).

Tues., May 25 — Newark vs. N.Y. Black Yanks; Phila. Stars vs. Homestead Grays; N.Y. Cubans at Baltimore.

Wed., May 26 — N.Y. Black Yanks at Newark; Phila. Stars vs. Homestead Grays.

Thurs., May 27 — Phila. Stars vs. Homestead Grays.

Fri., May 28 — N.Y. Cubans at Newark; Homestead Grays at Baltimore.

Sat., May 29 — Phila. Stars at N.Y. Black Yanks (Rochester).

Sun., May 30 — Newark at N.Y. Cubans (Yankee Stad.); Homestead Grays at Baltimore; Phila. Stars at N.Y. Black Yanks (Syracuse).

Mon., May 31 — N.Y. Black Yanks at N.Y. Cubans (Polo Grounds); Baltimore at Homestead Grays (Pittsburgh); Phila. Stars at Newark.

Thurs., June 3 — Phila. Stars at Newark.

Fri., June 4 — N.Y. Black Yanks at Baltimore; Phila. Stars at Newark (Atlantic City).

Sun., June 6 — Newark at N.Y. Black Yanks (Syracuse); Homestead Grays at N.Y. Cubans (Polo Grounds); Phila. Stars at Baltimore.

Mon., June 7 — Newark vs. N.Y. Black Yanks.

Tues., June 8 — Newark vs. N.Y. Black Yanks; N.Y. Cubans at Baltimore.

Wed., June 9 — N.Y. Black Yanks at Newark; N.Y. Cubans at Phila. Stars (Wilmington).

Sun., June 13 — Phila. Stars at N.Y. Cubans (Polo Grounds); Newark at Baltimore; Homestead Grays at N.Y. Black Yanks (Montreal).

Mon., June 14 — Homestead Grays vs. N.Y. Black Yank (Rochester).

Tues., June 15 — Homestead Grays at N.Y. Black Yanks (Buffalo).

Wed., June 16 — Homestead Grays vs. N.Y. Black Yanks; Baltimore at Newark (Trenton).

Thurs., June 17 — N.Y. Black Yanks at Homestead Grays (Wash.).

Fri., June 18 — Homestead Grays at Baltimore.

Sat., June 19 — Newark vs. Homestead Grays (Wilmington).

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Wed., June 30 — Homestead Grays at Newark (Trenton).

Thurs., July 1 — Newark at Homestead Grays (Washington).

Fri., July 2 — Homestead Grays vs. Newark; Phila. Stars at Baltimore.

Sat., July 3 — Newark at Homestead Grays (Pittsburgh).

Sun., July 4 — Phila. Stars vs. N.Y. Black Yanks (Polo Grounds); Baltimore vs. N.Y. Cubans (Polo Grounds); Newark at Homestead Grays (Washington).

Mon., July 5 — Homestead Grays at Baltimore Phila. Stars vs. Newark (Yankee Stad.); N.Y. Cubans vs. N.Y. Black Yanks (Yankee Stad.).

(All Sunday and holiday games are doubleheaders.)

Bad Umpiring Makes A Bad Negro Baseball Game: Lyle

World Memphis, Tenn.

Fri. 5-21-48

By GEORGE LYLE, Jr.

PHILADELPHIA, —(NNPA)—Bad umpiring makes a bad ball game.

This fact has been very evident this year in some of the Negro National Leagues games which I've seen and the very worst exhibition was that put on in Trenton last week.

Moguls of the NNL continue to complain about the "lack of cooperation" they receive from the Negro press. Yet they, more than anyone else, are doing more to harm the game. There are exceptions to this, of course. There are some gees who are conscientious in their efforts to make Negro baseball a sport which is comparable to the leagues operated by our pale faced brethren, but they are in the minority.

5-21-48

Getting back to the umpiring situation; I used to join the crowd in yelling at Fred McCrary, one-time head arbiter in the loop, but now I'll doff my bonnet and beg humble forgiveness. Fred is "on the ball" and even the players admit it.

5-21-48

LOOK AT THE RECORD

Let's take a look at the record. In New York, the officiating is only fair, but, in Trenton, it was putrid. Gus Q. Phann, who knows baseball pretty well, despite some owners' opinions to the contrary, was up in arms over some of the very raw decisions being handed down by the umpire. This chap, who sported the shoulder patch of the "N. J. State Umpires Association" got soundly booed by the Trenton fans who resented his decisions, even when they were against the vis-

Newcombe Wins Two For Royals

The Courier
Sat 7-3-48
Pittsburgh Pa.

By SAM MALTIN

MONTREAL — Montreal baseball fans and Manager Clay Hopper were more than a little worried when Brooklyn Dodgers grabbed mound ace Hank Behrman last week, but the Montreal manager had confidence that the stuff Don Newcombe showed in spring training would come to the fore.

"All he needs is confidence in himself. And plenty of work. The latter we would like to give him but the weather hasn't helped out, but now that summer is here, Don will see plenty of action," Hopper said.

Hopper must know his stuff, too. Big Don got his share of work the past week and came through with two victories and nearly scored another when he relieved a teammate in the ninth frame, but the Royals failed to come through with the needed run to give him another triumph. Pitching the full nine innings of both games, Newcombe scored the only victory against the Syracuse Chiefs during Montreal's visit there and came through with another convincing 7-1 triumph over Baltimore Orioles here on St. John Baptiste Day, June 24, traditional French-Canadian holiday. This was Newcombe's first win on Montreal grounds and his fifth of the season against three loses.

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Royals came through with seventeen hits off two Oriole hurlers, but Big Don didn't need so much plate-power to win his second tilt in a row. He was in full charge of the opposition, but for one inning, when Baltimore bunched four hits off him to score their solo counter. The visitors touched him for seven hits in all, he struck out four and walked two. Newcombe finished off the ninth frame by striking out Milt Stockhausen who came up as a pinch-hitter to end the game. Howie Moss, rated as the toughest batter in the league proved to be easy for Newcombe. Moss failed to get a hit in four trips to the plate and got the KO twice.

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Don Newcombe Rated Royals' No. 1 Hurler

Afro American
Baltimore

CINCINNATI — Branch Rickey Jr., son of the Mahatma of Flatbush and himself head of the Brooklyn Dodgers farm system, joined the Bums here Tuesday with glowing reports on Don Newcombe.

Newcombe, former ace of the Newark Eagles, is now No. 1 thrower for the Montreal Royals, according to Young Rickey.

"Clay Hopper tells me Don is just about the best young pitcher in the Brooklyn farm organization," the junior Rickey declared.

Hopper is the pilot at Montreal and it was he who sent Jackie Robinson and Catcher Roy Campanella up to the parent club after one season of managing them.

Calls Newcombe Sure Bet

He had Robinson with his champion 1946 Royals and Campanella with his second-place club of 1947.

According to word received in the Dodgers camp, Hopper is rating Newcombe "a sure bet who can't miss, now that he seems to have found his control and has learned to keep his feet on the ground." Big Don spent the 1946 and 1947 seasons at Nashua, N.H., Brooklyn's New England League farm club.

In the Dominican Republican training camp this spring Newcombe was very impressive pitching against the Dodgers for Montreal, and many of the Brooklyn oldtimers were commenting on his newly-developed curve ball and change-up. There was never any question concerning his fast ball.

The Dodgers idled Tuesday, having an open date in the schedule before a Wednesday night game with the Cincinnati Reds. Robinson and Campenella watched the Reds lose to the Phillies. — SAM LACY

Newcombe Blanks Brooklyn For 5 Frames

Journal Guide
Sat 4-3-48
Norfolk Va

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, Dominican Republic—On the mound for the Montreal Royals in an exhibition game against the Brooklyn Dodgers here last Tuesday, Don Newcombe, a right-hander blanked the Brooks for five innings before being replaced in the Montreal line-up.

Unable to fathom Newcombe's form, the Brooks eked out a 3-2 victory in the 10th inning of the tussle in which Jackie Robinson slatted out a double to move in a run in the third frame.

Newcombe Is on His Way to the Majors

The Courier
Sat 4-3-48
Pittsburgh Pa.

TRUJILLO CITY, R. D.—Two years ago the Dodgers put a big question mark behind the name of Donald Newcombe, 23-year-old, 6-foot, 4 inch Negro pitcher. He had all the physical requirements to become a mound wizard—youth, speed and a powerful right arm—but his curve ball was a mere wrinkle and he was as wild as the winds of March.

"He'll never come up," one Dodger scout said after Don's first year at the Dodgers' Nashua (New England) farm club, "unless he gets control and a good curve."

Although he won more than he lost that first year, Don's future was definitely in doubt. For some reason, he got the idea in his head he couldn't throw a curve and Simon Legree with ninety whips couldn't make him try to develop one. He was afraid he would hurt his arm trying to throw a "twister."

Last year, however, he realized the Dodger coaches were right and he started to tinker with a curve. He did it with reluctance, of course, but it was a vital necessity and just had to be done.

During the 1947 season at Nashua he won nineteen ball games. His control improved and the curve ball he was experimenting with started to "turn" a little, much to the surprise of the opposition. Then this spring he came here with Montreal and really went to work on a curve.

Last Tuesday afternoon Montreal and Brooklyn were deadlocked at 2-2 and Manager Clay Hopper called on Don to relieve Hank Behrman in the fifth inning. Big Don strolled on out to the mound and uncorked his fast ball to the first Brooklyn batter. "He's plenty fast," the Dodgers on the bench said, "but he can't get by on that." Don threw another fast ball and it was strike two.

DON COMES THROUGH

Then Don crooked his trusty right wing and threw a curve ball that broke from here to Nashua. "Yer out!" screamed the umpire, and the batter walked away from the plate in disgust.

Newcombe for the first time was "shooting the works." He did so well that Hopper let him pitch five innings, the first pitcher in either camp to be so honored. During that time he gave up one measly hit—a trickler over second by Gene Mauch—and held Brooklyn scoreless. When Newcombe came out at the end of the ninth, the score was still 2-2.

The Dodgers finally won in the tenth, 3-2, but they had seen Newcombe, and were glad he had made his departure.

"The guy can pitch," they agreed. "He's finally got control and a good curve. Looks like he'll be up here before too long."

DON PLEASED

Newcombe was understandably pleased with his performance. After all, he was the first pitcher to hold the Dodgers scoreless for such a length of time this spring. "The old curve ball was really breaking right for me," he said afterwards. "I'm glad I learned how to throw it."

During his time on the mound, "Newk," as the boys call him, only walked two men. There was a time when he almost averaged that an inning.

All of which means that the long search for a Negro pitcher good enough to stick in the majors may be near the end. Newcombe won't be with Brooklyn this year because he's still not quite ready. He needs a season at Montreal, where he can get plenty work. But next year may be something else.

This much is certain—he's on his way to the majors. The ticket in his right hand is a good curve ball.

MONTREAL HALTS NEWARK

The Times

Newcombe, Negro Pitcher, Wins International Debut, 7-1

New York, N.Y.

NEWARK, N. J., April 23 (AP)—Don Newcombe, new Negro hurler for Montreal, made his International League debut a winning one today as he hurled the Royals to a 7-1 triumph over Newark. Sat.

Newcombe, yielding eight hits, was in trouble only in the fourth inning. Then he was rapped for two doubles and a pair of singles, but some clownish base running by the Bears allowed him to escape with only one run charged against him. 4-24-48

Walt Sessi, Royals' right-fielder hit successive home runs in the sixth and eighth innings off relief pitcher Fred Wolff. Don Johnson started for the Bruins but gave seven hits and three runs before he was relieved by Wolff at the start of the fifth.

The score by innings:

					R.	H.	E.
Montreal	0 0 1	2 0 1	2 1 0	—	7	12	0
Newark	0 0 0	1 0 0	0 0 0	—	1	8	1

Batteries—Newcombe and Dapper: Johnson, Wolff (5), Schmidt (9) and Silvestri.

Newcombe Halts Buffalo Nine, 5-4

Afro-American

Sam Jethro Scores the Winning Marker

Baltimore, Md.

Sat. 7-31-48

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Don Newcombe, big right-hander of the Montreal Royals, whiffed 10, gave up eight bases on balls and seven hits, but left 11 men stranded on bases as the league-leading Royals defeated the Buffalo Bisons here Tuesday night, 5-4.

It was Newcombe's ninth pitching victory of the season with the Royals.

While Newcombe was turning in a somewhat erratic but effective job in the pinches, his teammates also turned in stellar performances. He also contributed a wild pitch and hit a batsman.

Montreal, like its parent team, the Brooklyn Dodgers, now has two colored players including Sam Jethro in addition to Newcombe.

Jethro, 29-year-old outfielder, recently purchased from the Cleveland Buckeyes, 1947 champions of the Negro American League, also saw service in the Buffalo defeat. He scored the winning run in the eighth inning.

The two teams were tied, 4-4, up to this point when Jethro, getting his second hit of the game, out of four trips up, crossed with the important game-winning run when Duke Snider, Royals' center-fielder, rammed a double off the rightfield wall

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Newcombe's Pitching Keeps Montreal in Pennant Chase

The Courier Pittsburgh, Pa. Sat.

By SAM MALTIN

MONTREAL—Big Don Newcombe is coming up fast in the race for top pitching honors in the International Baseball League, leading Montreal Royals' roster with seven victories against three losses. The popular Negro hurler came through with two triumphs at home and missed getting a third by a single batter. 7-10-48

The latter came about on Sunday afternoon at Rochester when Don was forced to take the showers after hurling three and one-third innings and allowing the credit for that one. The Courier

His big game of the week came up against the Syracuse Chiefs last Wednesday, with his hit-happy teammates slugging the ball all over the field. Don had little trouble with the visiting club, but tired in the eighth inning and was relieved. But the game was in the bag, Don helping his own cause with his first homer of the season, blasting the ball over the fence, 400 feet from the plate. As Don trotted around the sacks, the crowd of nearly 10,000 gave him a standing ovation. 7-10-48

H[illegible]steaders eight runs on a[illegible]y hits. The Royals were leading then, 3-8, and th[illegible] 4 he way they won it, but Don lost out when the relief pitcher worked three and two-thirds innings. 7-10-48

Though the two teams played a seven-inning tilt, it was ruled as a nine-inning affair and the reliefer hurled the "longest" and earned the credit for the victory. Sat.

Don got a break earlier in the week when he came in to take over mound duties for the Royals against Jersey City, hurled two innings, saw his teammates win and got

Newcombe became annoyed with Kermit Wahl, one of the Syracuse players, when the latter is supposed to have said something to him, though Don later told this writer that he didn't hear him say anything, but "saw his lips move." The Courier

The huge crowd didn't care for that, either, and jeered Wahl the rest of the game and never let up. Wahl is supposed to have told Montreal first baseman, Chuck Connors, that he didn't say anything "bad" to Newcombe and only wanted to get the hurler "sore."

Masterful Performance by Newcombe Wins for Montreal

The Courier Sat 8-7-48

Pittsburgh Pa.

MONTREAL—It took a masterful performance on the mound by Don Newcombe to pull Montreal Royals from their slump last week. Newcombe, according to writers who were on the road with the International League club, showed the hallmark of a genius as he fanned nine batters, while dishing out only three walks and six hits for a 2-1 victory over the Baltimore Orioles, his ninth win of the season. It was by far the best piece of mound work Newcombe produced since joining the Montreal club.

Two nights earlier he was brought in on relief duty in the ninth innning and struck out two batters that faced him. But it was the nine-inning game he pitched against the Orioles last Friday night that really showed his brilliant pitching. Newcombe's great grit came to the fore in the last three frames. In the seventh, Bill Barnacle led off with a double, but big Don struck out the next two, Moss and Levy, and forced Chihocki to ground out, second to first. Sat 8-7-48

In the eighth with one out, Newcombe allowed the next two to single, but he again took over command by compelling Wilson to hit a short fly to center and fanning Martin. The biggest hitters came up in the last inning. Here again Bill Barnacle greeted Newcombe with a two-bagger. Moss, the next batter up, swung on a third strike.

The latter is the league's top hitter, but proved to be no mystery to Newcombe who struck him out four times in that game. Levy followed Moss to the plate and he was handled too carefully and got a free walk to first. Now there were two men on and only one out. Chihocki tapped one to Newcombe on the mound. Don grabbed the ball, turned towards second and nipped Levy for a forced out. Sheriff Robinson, another pinch-hitter, was brought in and Newcombe climaxed a brilliant pitching effort by throwing three strikes across the plate. Sat 8-7-48

Newcombe Beats Buffalo on 2 Hits

Afro-American

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Don Newcombe notched his third International League victory here Sunday, as the Montreal Royals split with the Buffalo Bisons, winning the first, 12-1, and losing the nightcap, 5-4. Baltimore, Md.

Newcombe hurled two-hit ball in the opening encounter, holding the Buffalo nine runless for six frames then giving up a tally on wildness in the seventh. Don allowed only Jaeger and Gentry to nick him for singles. Sat.

Newcombe's unsteadiness, however, kept him constantly getting out of trouble but Big Don was equal to the task. He struck out seven, while walking seven and putting an eighth man on base via the hit-by-pitcher route. At bat, Newcombe went hitless in three tries. 5-29-48

Don's teammates plastered Hausmann and Gentry with 10 hits, three of them home runs by Bloodworth, Dapper and Gionfriddo. A crowd of 8,377 saw the games.

The victory gave Newcombe an International record of 3-1.

Thumbnail Sketches on Royal Players

Afro American

Sat 4-17-48

Baltimore Md

DONALD NEWCOMBE (Pitcher)—Born Madison, N.J., June 14, 1925; educated Vaux Hall, Elizabeth, N.J.; parents, Roland and Sadie; reside Elizabeth, N.J.; has three brothers, one older, two younger; began baseball career with Roselle Stars, then went to Newark Eagles, 1944; signed for Nashua (N.H.) club to begin 1946 season; won 14, lost 4 in New England League, then gained two victories in Governor's Cup playoff; though a pitcher, was club's No. 1 pinch-hitter; has blazing fast ball but bothered by lack of control; married to the former Miss Freddie Green of Lakeland, Fla.; stands 6 feet, 2 inches, weighs 209 pounds, bats and throws righthanded; smokes cigarettes; played second year with Nashua in 1947, and was signed by Montreal Royals in spring training at Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic, in March of this year.

Don't Let 'Em Run

The Afro American

Controlling Runners Major Factor in Pitching

By DON NEWCOMBE (as Told to SAM LACY)

Sat 4-24-48

Baltimore Md

NEW YORK—No pitcher can ever hope to become a major leaguer if he is unable to control his base-runners. Controlling the runners simply means holding them on bases, keeping them from stealing. An opposing runner on first base is not nearly so dangerous as one on second. An extra-base hit by the batter is usually needed to score a man from first, while a single or an infielder's error may get a runner from second.

It is, therefore, most essential that a man who has reached first base, be kept there—that he not be allowed to steal second.

Being a righthander, I do not have the same advantage enjoyed by a lefthanded pitcher, in keeping an eye on first base. When I take my stance on the mound, I have my back to first, whereas a southpaw has first base in front of him as he makes ready to deliver to the batter.

Third No Real Problem

There is no great difference after the alien runner reaches second. Whether you throw left- or right-handed, you can keep an eye on him. Moreover, the fact that the catcher's throw to third is much shorter than that to second, reduces the likelihood of an attempt to steal third.

The main thing is to keep the man on first from getting to second.

Some pitchers rely to a great extent on their catchers to hold men on first. They get signals to throw to first and do so.

The best method, though, is to watch the runner yourself. The moment I take my position on the pitching slab, I cock my head so that I have first base within sight of the corner of my left eye.

Sat 4-24-48

If I suspect that an attempt to steal is to be made, I turn deliberately and throw to first, chasing the runner back to the bag. I do not try to conceal my intentions because I do not wish to tip off the opposition when I plan a serious effort to catch the runner napping.

"Good Move"

As I watch the runner out of the corner of my eye, I try to detect any shifting of weight to his fore foot as he leans toward second. Once I'm sure there is a definite pressure on the runner's right leg (which is the one toward second), I turn quickly and burn the ball to first.

Frequently, the runner is unable to re-distribute his weight in time to get back to the bag. And when that happens, I've got him.

Sat 4-24-48

The moment a pitcher gains the reputation of having "a good move" (which means a quick and unexpected throw to first), he doesn't have too much trouble with would-be stealers around his league.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the last of a series of articles on "How to Play Baseball," by Roy Campanella, Dan Bankhead, Don Newcombe and Jackie Robinson, exclusively in the AFRO.)

Newcombe Limits Champs To 1 Hit

The News

Sat 4-3-48

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, D. R.—Big Don Newcombe flashed a bit of mid-season brilliance as he limited the 1947 National League champion Brooklyn Dodgers to a lone hit in the five innings he pitched for the Montreal Royals last Tuesday. Not a single Dodger reached second base on him.

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Hank Behrman, a former teammate of the Dodgers, hurled the first four innings for the Royals and gave up two runs. Newcombe's retirement for a pinch-hitter brought Ray Moore in to pitch the final frame. The Brooks won the game on a squeeze run in the 10th, 3-2.

Negro Hurls No-Hit Game For Montreal

Courier Journal

Louisville Ky.

Montreal, Aug. 15 (AP)—Don Newcombe, 24-year-old Negro pitcher of the Montreal Royals, pitched the second no-hit game of the International League season today, when he hurled the Royals to an 8-0 triumph over the Toronto Maple Leafs in the second game of a double-header. The game was a seven-inning affair.

Oscar Judd of the Leafs pitched the first no-hitter on June 14, blanking the Syracuse Chiefs, 7-0. It also was a seven-inning game.

Thur 8-16-48

The victory was Newcombe's 13th of the year as against four losses. The Leafs won the first game, 14-8, to end a 16-game winning streak of the league-leading Royals.

Newcombe Finds It Hard on Home Mound

Pittsburgh Courier

Pittsburgh Pa.

MONTREAL — There is a jinx hovering over the pitcher's mound at the Royal's baseball park here for big Don Newcombe. He has yet to earn his first victory of the season on home ground and he has yet to finish a game here, scoring all his three triumphs on the road and credited with both his losses while at home.

Sat. 6-5-48

The latest defeat was chalked up against him last Thursday evening when Buffalo Bisons forced him out of the game after four heats. The Bisons fell upon Newcombe for single tallies in the second and fourth with Coaker Triplet leading the way in each inning with hard hit two-baggers. The Bisons ended up with a seven to five triumph. In the four innings Newcombe hurled, he allowed two men to get on first via walks but more than evened up the count by striking out three. He allowed five hits for two runs in the four innings.

Sat 6-5-48

Newcombe Wins Two For Royals

The Courier

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Old Satch Paige, Great Negro Pitcher Signed by Cleveland, Says 'Batters Can't Scare Me—I've Been Around Too Long'

Thur. Past Washington, D.C.

Thurs 7-8-48

Last Fall He Beat Feller, Fanned 16

CLEVELAND, JULY 7 (AP).—The newest member of the Cleveland Indians summed it all up:

"Im starting my major league career with one thing in my favor, anyway. I won't be afraid of anybody I see in that batter's box. I've been around too long for that."

That was Leroy (Satchel) Paige speaking, the famous Satchel of Negro baseball fame, who has fogged his "hurry up" ball and "bat dodger" past major leaguers in many an exhibition game for years, who today was signed by the Cleveland Indians

Just how long he has "been around," or how many games he has won, isn't very clear.

"Born in Mobile," he said. "September 18, 1908." His age has been estimated variously in the 40's and even 50's, but he says he was eligible for the draft to, Bill Veeck signed him up to-all through the Second World War. 7-8-48

But whatever age he admits y in the hope his right-hand relief pitching could bolster the Tribe's drive for a pennant.

SATCHEL PAIGE

Makes the Majors

The Past Washington, D.C. Thurs. 7-8-48

Veeck bought Paige's contract from the Kansas City Monarchs of the Negro American League. How much Satchel will be paid wasn't told. But his recent earnings have been estimated at upward of $30,000 annually.

In the past two decades the Satchel has made most of the major leaguers admit he is one of the all-time great hurlers. Babe Ruth and Ted Williams are about the only sluggers who haven't faced him on the exhibition circuit. The Past

And how does he size them up? Of the present crop, Joe DiMaggio is the toughest.

Last fall Paige faced Bob Feller's All-Stars in Los Angeles to win an 8-to-0 decision in which he struck out 16.

Back in 1934 he faced Dizzy Dean at his peak, and took a 1 to-0 win in 13 innings, a game which Veeck calls "the best I've ever seen." Washington, D.C.

That was a big year for Satchel. He was pitching for Bismarck, N. Dak., a team which won 104 of the 105 games it played. Thurs. 7-8-48

"And I pitched in every game, I guess. I know there was one month when I started 29 games," he went on. The Past

Boudreau Convinced After Trying to Hit

His strikeout record for a single game is the same as Feller's—18. That was back in 1932, for the Monarchs and against the Baltimore Black Sox, in Yankee Stadium. Washington, D.C.

He got into baseball in 1925 with the Chattanooga Black Lookouts and in 1928 joined the Birmingham Black Barons. He has been with the Baltimore Black Sox, Chicago American Giants, the Pittsburgh Crawfords and the House of David. Thurs. 7-8-48

Veeck and Manager Lou Boudreau had him down at the stadium yesterday for a "secret tryout." It was the first time Boudreau had seen him in action. He threw 50 pitches, "and only three or four of them were wide of the plate," said Veeck.

Boudreau managed a few line drives, but said "now I can believe some of the tall stories they tell about his pitching."

Paige Seventh Negro To Play In "Majors"

Daily World Atlanta Ga.

Thur. 7-8-48

CLEVELAND, Ohio—(SNS)—Leroy "Satchel" Paige, who broke into baseball with the Birmingham Black Barons back in 1928, became the seventh Negro signed to play in major league baseball, and the fourth in the American League, when he was signed to a contract by President Bill Veeck of the Cleveland Indians yesterday. Thur. 7-8-48

Paige was signed to a contract after a personal demonstration before Manager Lou Boudreau and Coach Hank Greenberg. During the exhibition before Boudreau and Greenberg, the lanky pitcher hurled 50 pitches across the plate with only 4 falling in for balls. 7-8-48

The amount of Paige's salary was not disclosed but it is believed to be generous since Paige earned more than $30,000 a year with the barnstorming "Satchel Paige All-Stars," and in Winter baseball in Cuba and South America.

Paige, who is one of the all-time greats in Negro baseball, is not certain whether he gets relief or starting roles. Manager Boudreau failed to shed light either upon this subject. Daily World

The slim right-hander is credited with 18 strikeouts in a single game. He shares this record in 1937 and Feller equalled it in 1939.

Paige has been with the Kansas City Monarchs for the past six years. He was born in Mobile, Alabama and broke into baseball with the nationally-famous Birmingham Black Barons. Atlanta, Ga.

Paige, at 40, has long been acclaimed one of the greatest pitchers in baseball. That he did not get an opportunity to play in organized ball before 1948 is one of the United States' heart-breaking sagas of frustration and futility brought on by a rigid jim crow policy in major league baseball. That pattern prevailed until Branch Rickey signed Jackie Robinson in 1946 and sent him to the Montreal Royals. After a successful year, Jackie was moved up to the parent club, the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Jackie's debut into major league baseball heralded the signing of Henry "Hank" Thompson and Willard Brown by President Richard Muckerman of the St. Louis Browns of the American League. Brown and Thompson were subsequently released. Daily World

The Cleveland Indians broke into the headlines by purchasing Larry Doby from the Newark Eagles, with the owners Abe and Effie Manley receiving $15,000, although they reputedly offered Doby to the Indians for $5,000.

Dan Bankhead, purchased from the Memphis Red Sox, had a brief outing with the Brooklyn Dodgers and played in the 1947 World Series before being shipped to the Montreal Royals and to Nashua of the New England League.

Doby got a regular berth with the Indians during the Spring but injuries have limited his performance. Roy Campanella, farmed out by the Dodgers' after being purchased from the Montreal Royals, was farmed out again to the St. Paul Apostles of the American Association. Thur. 7-8-48

Back to Paige, Manager Lou Boudreau said Paige would be in uniform last night, when the Indians were scheduled to meet the Chicago White Sox.

Satchel Wins First Major League Game

Journal Guide Norfolk, Va. Sat.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—(NNPA)—Satchel Paige won his first major league game last Thursday night when he relieved Bob Lemon in the fifth inning of the second game of a double header.

The Indians won both games from the Philadelphia Athletics, 6-1, and 8-5, before 37,684 spectators, a number of whom had come to see the ageless Paige.

MAKES HIM POP-UP 7-24-48

With runners on first and third and two out, Manager Boudreau called on Paige and he forced Joost to lift a fly to Hank Edwards in right field for the third out.

Lemon left the game with a one-run lead in the sixth inning after he had been hit on the head with a thorwn ball. 7-24-48

The Athletics tied the score in the seventh when Hank Majeski hit one of Paige's fast balls into the left field grandstand for a home run. Feris Fain, who had doubled, also scored.

Ken Keltner broke the deadlock by hitting a home run into the left field stands in the eighth, and Larry Doby drove in a run and scored himself when he got his seventh home run of the season over the right field wall.

Discarding his clowning antics the shadow is Lloyd LaBeach, the former University of Wisconsin dashman who will represent his native Panama at London.

LOOMS AS REAL THREAT

In his performances this spring and summer, LaBeach left little doubt in the minds that here is a real threat to the supremacy of the United States in the sprints. It was LaBeach who chased Patton across the line when the Southern California sprinter turned in the record-shattering 09.3 in the 100 yards last month.

Of course, while Patton, Ewell and LaBeach are fighting it out, Julio Lopez-Testa of Uruguay, who has a 10.2 clocking for the 100 meters, or John Treloar, the big Australian, may come roaring down the track to capture the honors. 7-24-48

Any way you look at it, Ewell and Dillard have a big assignment to maintain the standard set by Tolan in 1932, and continued by Owens in 1936.

Satch Whiffed Joe E. Brown Back in 1916

Star

New York, N.Y.

Wed. 7-14-48

SEATTLE, July 13 (AP)—"Satchel Paige signed with Cleveland," said the Mouth.

"Why, I hit against him in . . . let's see . . . 1916. You say he's 39? Shucks, he was no kid when he struck me out."

But comedian Joe E. Brown says the Satch won't hurt Cleveland's baseballing Indians a bit. "Wotta guy to follow Bobby Feller! He'll give 'em that sneaky stuff, then that high, hard one under the chin. Brother! I know."

Slugger Brown cavorted around dozens of assorted baseball diamonds before he learned that, as an infielder, he was a whale of an actor.

"Another nice thing about the movies," says the Sultan of Cinema Swat, "is that you always win. You strike out the home run king in the last of the ninth to grab the world's championship. Or you knock the ball out of the lot to defeat the champions and distress the gamblers. And the beautiful girl falls on your neck. Baseball was never like that—not the way I played it."

Expect Real Thing

After he made *Elmer The Great* and *Alibi Ike*, says Joe E., folks got to thinking he could deliver the goods on a real-life diamond as well as the screen version.

"I was a great player,' but not that great," chuckles Joe.

Here to take part in a boys' baseball jamboree, Joe said he once went to Kansas City for the same sort of an outing and was talked into playing three innings at second base, his position in the old days.

"By giving 'em a little of the old backhand try when I missed the easy grounders I got by with the crowd, but then they wanted me to pitch. Me pitch? Well, they talked me into it and I got out there and took a look at home plate. It was swinging like a hammock. Brother, I suffered!"

By his own admission—accompanied by a crinkling around the eyes—Brown was a terrific hitter.

Satchel Vs. Yankees Thursday to Jam Park

Star. New YorK N.Y.

Tue. 7-20-48

By JOHN WENTWORTH

An old fellow who had entered the bar early enough so that he had a spot close to the fan was listening to the Giants on a squeaky radio and evesdropping on a couple of younger fellows while away their brews arguing about Satchel Paige.

After a while the old fellow took a long sip out of his glass, turned and said: Star.

"Listen, you boys are young. . . . You just don't know. . . . Don't believe what you read in the papers. . . . I've been following baseball since I was a kid and I can tell you that Satchel Paige was pitching during the first World War. . . . Satchell Paige is at least 55 years old. . . ." N.Y. N.Y.

Little conversations like the above are making Secretary Red Patterson and officials of the Yankees very happy these days. Old Satch is coming to town with the Cleveland Indians tomorrow, and the present word is that he will start on the mound against the Bombers Thursday evening.

Star.

Shouldn't Hurt Gate

New York. N.Y.

It shouldn't hurt the gate a bit. In fact jam the park and so help make Patterson look good as a prognosticator. Prior to Sunday's game with the Tigers the Yankee publicity chief predicted that in eight days the Stadium gang would play before more people than any team in the history of baseball has played before in a similar period. Tue. 7-20-48

The Sunday crowd of 62,990 which turned out to see the Tigers got things started right and another big gathering was on hand last night.

The box office is not expected to take it flush on the nose, however, until tomorrow. The Tribe hooks up with Bucky Harris' gang in a twin bill then, and as if that weren't enough, one Robert Feller is slated to pitch one of the games.

Right now Rapid Robert is about as popular as Col. McCormick at 10 Downing Street, and undoubtedly many a fan will temporarily forget about cheering the creaking Joe DiMaggio and concentrate on reminding Feller that he is strictly from hunger, via Van Meter. Tue. 7-20-48

"He's a bum who got a break because his right arm is strong," the guy at the bar said. "But take my word for it, most of his muscles are between his ears. . . ."

The Yankees box office loves the sound of those words.

Paige's Pitch Starts Furor In Big League

World

Atlanta Ga

WASHINGTON, D. C. (NNPA)—Will Harridge, president of the American League, ruled that the delivery of Satchel Paige, Cleveland Indians' pitcher, was illegal with a man on base.

Paige winds up, pauses with his arms high above his head, and then throws. Sat. 7-24-48

Although there is no rule in the book against such a delivery, Harridge has informed Lou Boudreau, Cleveland manager, that he instructed umpire to call a balk on Paige, if he uses this delivery in the future with men on the paths.

One of the arguments in the game between the Indians and Washington last Monday night was caused by Paige's delivery. With the score deadlocked at 6-all in the eighth, and with Ed Stewart on third and Mickey Vernon on first, Joe Kuhel, Washington manager, and Sammy West, coach, protested that Paige had balked on a "hesitation" pitch to Al Evans. They lost the argument.

Umpire Cal Hubbard was taid to have told West that Paige had balked but Hubbard later denied this.

The Monday night game was a thriller, in which Paige worked two innings and Larry Doby, centerfielder,, scored the winning run to give the Indians a 7-6 victory in eleven innings.

Paige went into the game to pitch in the sixth inning, replacing Ed Klieman, who was removed for Joe Tipton, a pinch-hitter. Stewart singled off him to start the inning. Mark Cristman bunted to Paige, who fell down but threw him out at first. Boudreau ordered Mickey Vernon intentionally passed Al Kozar flew out to Joe Gordon. Evans flew out to Walt Judnich.

In the ninth inning, Early Wynn batted for Welteroth. Paige struck him out. Eddie Yost singeld to left field. Gil Coan grounded to Eddie Robinson, who touched him before he reached first base. Yost went to second onthe play. Carden Gillenwater hit a line drive to Mitchell in left field.

Stewart doubled off Paige to start the tenth. Christman was intentionally passed. When Vernon came up, Sad Sam Zoldak was sent in to pitch to him in Paiges' place.

Paige's "Hesitation Pitch" Ruled "Illegal" By Harridge

7-24-48

World Atlanta Ga

NEW YORK, N. Y. (SNS)—Leroy "Satchel" Paige's controversial "hesitation pitch" has been ruled illegal by American League President Will Harridge after complaint by the Washington Senators.

The Cleveland Indian's righthander had been baffling the American League circuit with this bit of wizardy that had batters swinging futilely at space after Sachel's spell binding delivery. Atlanta Ga

Harridge ruled that Paige, when pitching with men on base, has been cranking up, pausing with hands above his head while he fixed the ball in his glove, then pitching.

NO OFFICIAL RULE

Although there is no rule in the book governing this, Harridge told Cleveland Indians Manager Lou Boudreau that he has instructed umpires to call a balk on Paige if he did this in the future.

The Washington Senators protested against Paige's delivery each time the Indians used Satchel against them at Griffith Stadium, in Washington, D. C., but were overruled by umpires.

Meanwhile, in Mobile, Ala., Freeman Jones, in an interview for the Mobile Register, heard Paige's mother, Mrs. Tula Paige, declare Satchel is 44 years old.

WANTED TO PLAY

Asked why Satchel signed at this age, his mother said: "My boy has always loved baseball. Long ago, he left me. He got connected with other men who wanted to play baseball. But I think the secret of his success is that he would always obey his teachers and trainers. He would take advice."

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The interview with Mrs. Paige by Freeman continues as follows:

She said Satchel always obeyed the rules of the game, of good health. These things were dear to him early in life, she said. His greatest ambition was to become a good baseball player, she declared.

"He's old in baseball now," she added, "but he's as good as ever, for a while."

"My son went away a long time ago. It was back in 1927, I think. You know how boys do when they get in their teens. They like to follow older boys and men around. Well, Satchel got together with some more people and they left Mobile. If I recall correctly, he left Mobile then with Alex Herman and Dr. Belsaw. That was so long ago," Paige's mother said.

KANSAS CITY

"Satchel stayed in Kansas City, where he did most of his early playing. He played in Birmingham, Chattanooga and other places. He would take advice from older players who knew the game. He wasn't hard-headed. So he made good," she continued.

Her keen, penetrating gaze, her active mind and her erect posture all combined to betray the fact that she's in her late seventies.

When told that a certain Northern city had said, in a national publication, that Satchel Paige was born there, she hotly denied the claim. "My boy was born here in Mobile, down the Bay. I was born here. We used to live, many years ago when I was a girl, down in Oakdale on Cottrel St. Mobile is our home. 7-24-48

"Last year my son told me to come to Kansas City and live with him. But I want to live in Mobile."

Thus spoke the mother of Satchel Paige—the seventh colored baseball player to be signed by a major league team.

Satchel Paige Fined By Indians

Sat.

Afro-American

BOSTON—Fines believed to total at least $150 were imposed on Satchel Paige by Cleveland Indians' manager Lou Boudreau, it was disclosed here late last week.

Paige took it upon himself to remain away from Yankee Stadium on Friday when a heavy downpour washed out the final contest of the five-game New York-Cleveland series. His failure to show up caused him to be in ignorance concerning a change in departure time from New York and, as a result, Satchel's missing of the Tribe train. Baltimore

Boudreau refused to say how much Paige was fined for his failure to show up at the park, but it is presumed the amount was $100. The Cleveland pilot did reveal, however, that the amount was $50 for the missing of the train.

while traveling, are usually advised in advance what train or plane is to be caught for departure for the next stop. This information is provided by the road secretary and, to play safe, is relayed by the property custodian. Not infrequently, however, postponement of a game results in the setting of an earlier departure time.

Pres. Harridge Rules Paige's Pitch Illegal

Defender

Chicago Ill

Sat. 7-31-48

WASHINGTON (ANP)—One of Satchel Paige's most effective pitches, the "hesitation" ball, was ruled illegal this week by Pres. Will Harridge of the American league, Manager Lou Boudreau of the Celeveland Indians announced.

The Harridge decision, Boudreau said, was made after the Washington Senators protested against the delivery used to stop them in a night game Monday, July 19. It is feared that Harridge's ruling will cause the Senators to protest the game which they lost 7-6.

Manager Boudreau said that he would appeal the decision on the grounds that the pitch is not included in the rule book. On this pitch, the famous hurler pauses momentarily before throwing the ball. This action throws the batter off stride, it is claimed.

Tribe packs off catcher to make room for Paige

Tribune

Los Angeles Calif.

Sat. 7-17-48

CLEVELAND—Pushed for space on their roster by the 25-man major league limit, the Cleveland Indians had to pack off third-string Ray Murray to Oklahoma City to make room for Leroy "Satchel" Paige, famed 40-year-old Negro barnstorming pitcher who was signed on by the Tribe last week.

Paige, who has made as much money as most any big leaguer by simply being the biggest drawing card on the winter and bush circuits, was signed on as a relief pitcher by the league-leading Indians. He is the second Negro to make the contract grade in the American League. First to make it was his teammate, outfielder Larry Doby, formerly of the Newark Eagles, Negro National League.

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I'm Not as Good as I used to be, But I'm Good Enough Declares Satchel

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Chicago, Ill

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(This is the second of a series about Leroy "Satchel" Paige, the fabulous Cleveland Indian right-hander)

By RUSS J. COWANS

CLEVELAND — Satchel Paige, the most famous character developed in organized baseball, ambled across the spacious outfield of Cleveland's big Municipal Stadium. He had been beckoned from the bull pen by Manager Boudreau to replace one of the Indians' pitchers who had faltered in his efforts to stem the upsurge of the rampaging Detroit Tigers.

When Manager Boudreau ordered Paige to unburden himself from the labors of warming up in the bull pen and take over the tougher assignment of attempting to twist the collective and individual tails of the Tigers, there was a tremendous shout of approval from the more than 55,000 fans in the big stadium.

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They had come not only to lend moral support to the Indians in their quest for the pennant, but also with the hope of getting a looksee at the fabulous Paige.

Although Paige failed in his efforts to make the Detroit players roll over and be dead Tigers, he was given a rousing cheer when he was forced to leave the mound after walking two men. He did not have the excellent control he usually displays while on the rubber.

There were many who believed Ole Satch was too old to get a chance in the major leagues after the racial barriers had been lowered, but a step in that direction was made last Fall when Paige blanked Bob Feller's All-Stars in Los Angeles, striking out 16 batters in a full nine-inning game. This impressed the Cleveland Indians and on July 7, with a pennant in sight, Paige was signed.

Shows Old Cotrol

A few days after he had put his name on the contract, Paige faced the St. Louis Browns in a relief role. He had perfect control, coming from a dozen different deliveries in the two innings he pitched. As usual, nobody got home. Said Paige: "I ain't what I used to be I used to overpower 'em; now I outcute 'em."

Then on August 14 the legendary Paige was the magnet that drew a record-breaking 51,013 fans to Comiskey Park in Chicago to see him hold the White Sox to five hits, give no bases on balls, and his Cleveland Indians win, 5 to 0. It was the largest crowd ever to see a night game in Chicago.

Seven days later in Cleveland, Paige, showing perfect control again, shut out the White Sox for the second straight time, yielding only three hits. Only one man reached first base on a free ticket, and only one got acquainted with third base as he sent the 78,382 deliriously happy fans home with high hopes of seeing the American League pennant nailed to the flag pole in Municipal Stadium.

Checks the Senators

It was becoming a habit. In Washington, ten days later, after an excellent relief job against the Yankees in New York, Satchel attracted a crowd of 28,000 to Griffith Stadium to watch him win his sixth victory as he held the Senators to seven hits. He fanned five and walked only one batsman.

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And this is occurring, although Paige is not the Paige of the 1930s when his whiplash arm made him the most feared pitcher in baseball. At his age, which many charge is nearer 50 than 40, he does not have the speed and stamina as he did years ago. He now depends on control with a knuckler and sharp-breaking curve, giving him a more varied assortment of pitches.

Fans 13 in One Game

Take the case of a few years ago as an example of what the lanky Alabamian could do with the opposition. He pitched and won a 15-inning game in Cleveland striking out 13 batters as he went along. Within the week he pitched and won in 11 innings in Brooklyn's Ebbetts Field, fanned 15, and with a reasonable rest thrown in, tossed a two-hit shut out in Birmingham against the Birmingham Black Barons, champions of the Negro American League.

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Or you could take the 1942 World Series between the Kansas City Monarchs and the Homestead Grays. Satchel was late getting to the park for one of the games and when he arrived the Grays had the bases loaded with none out and were leading 5 to 0, in the third inning. Paige didn't have time to warm up. He went straight to the mound, struck out the first two men and forced the third to pop up. He didn't allow a hit the rest of the way and the Monarchs won, 6 to 5.

Back in 1944, on a tour from Kansas City to Boston, he pitched one full inning every night for 29 nights in a row. Before the war he would go south to Mexico or Cuba of Puerto Rico or Venezula and pitch all winter, and then come back to the States with the birds and pitch Spring and Summer up here.

Silences The Big Bats

In 1943 Paige pitched for the Negro Giants against a team called the Major-Minor League All-Stars at Gilmore Field in Los Angeles. Although his team lost, Satchel struck out every batter in the All-Star lineup with the exception of Andy Pafko of the Cubs.

In the second, third and fourth innings he fanned seven straight, coming within one of the all-time Pacific Coast League record. In three different innings he struck out the side and six of the nine innings he fanned the first man to face him. He struck out a total of fourteen.

Among those who went down swinging were George Metkovich, Cleveland; Peanut Lowery, Chicago Cubs; Gerry Priddy, St. Louis Browns; Roy Partee, Boston Red Sox, and Newt Kimball, Philadelphia Phillies.

In 1945 he struck out 15 Cincinnati Clown batters, tossing 87 strikes out of 133 pitches.

In Puerto Rico one winter Ole Satch won 23 consecutive victories, and when he lost his twenty-fourth game by a score of 3 to 2. his home fans wouldn't speak to him. "They said I must have been out drinking the night before the game," Paige laughs in recollection.

To his public Paige has been like that—apparently invincible, an untiring, endless hero of the game. His public, unlimited by color lines, has increased in size over the years, and today he ranks as one of the greatest gate attractions in the history of baseball.

The Plain Dealer

Cleveland, Aug. 20 (AP).—Ageless Satchel Paige shut out the Chicago White Sox with three hits tonight as the league-leading Cleveland Indians triumphed 1 to 0 before the largest night game crowd in major league history—a standing room assemblage of 78,382.

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Paig s white-washing job was the fourth in a row turned in by a Cleveland pitcher and tied an American League mark of four straight shut-outs, set by the Cleveland club of 1903 and equaled by the New York Yankees in 1932.

Doby, Satch Rated Tops

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Boudreau, Veeck, Speaker Laud Stars

(Special to The Courier)

Pittsburgh Pa

BOSTON—Here's what top management of the American League Indians think of Larry Doby and Satchel Paige, Negro stars of the league's 1948 champions:

"Larry Doby has proven to all of us who saw his potentialities as early as last year when everything was going against him that he is a really great ball player. I've seen few youngsters who could overcome the mental hazards he has encountered as competently as Larry. He is a great competitor . . . learns quickly . . . and is on his way . . . . if he isn't there already . . . to becoming one of the best outfielders in baseball. He has helped us a lot and will be my choice for either center-field or right field in every game from here on in."—**Lou Boudreau.**

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"Larry has surpassed my greatest expectations. We all knew he had the makings of a great ball player, but we didn't realize he could learn as quickly or recover as quickly from set backs as he did. He's a great competitor . . . when he made bad plays he came back fighting. He could have beaten himself, but we learned early that he had what it takes. You can't stop him now from becoming one of our greatest players."—**Bill Veeck.**

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"He's going places. I worked with him during spring training and watched him both in the field and at the plate most of the season. Next year this time he'll be so far ahead of the other outfielders in both leagues that there won't be any comparing him. He still has a few things to learn, but if he learns them as quickly as he has most of the things about his job, he'll surprise even those of us who figure he can't be beaten now."—**Tris Speaker.**

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"Satchel Paige produced when we needed him most. He held us up while the rest of my staff were getting themselves together. He's still my choice for certain spots as relief man although in recent games that opportunity hasn't presented itself. He's a great bull pen man and is invaluable to us."—**Lou Boudreau.**

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"I count Satchel my luckiest gamble. If I didn't believe in him I would not have put myself in the position I did to have him with us. He came through and certainly proved my confidence in him. If I had just one more Satchel Paige, this wouldn't have been a race, it would have been a walk away."—**Bill Veeck.**

Satchel Paige in the Big League

Courier - Sat 10-9-48

Pittsburgh Pa

EDITOR'S NOTE—This is the second part in a series of articles on Leroy (Satchel) Paige as a pitcher in the major leagues, written by Ed McAuley and reproduced through the courtesy of The Sporting News.

This is the story of life in the major leagues with Satchel Paige. What kind of a fellow is he? How does he get along with his teammates? What does the opposition think of him? Most important of all, perhaps, can he pitch?

In this and a subsequent article, the Sporting News will attempt to supply the answers. Certainly, the effort and the space allotted to it are more than justified. For the arrival of Paige, however tardy, on the major league scene, is a milestone in the history of the national pastime.

The skinny colored kid who won the right to use his favorite playground in Mobile only because he could throw rocks faster, oftener and more accurately than any other youngster in his neighborhood, has become the greatest single drawing card in the major leagues. The announcement that he would start was enough to break the night game crowd records in both Cleveland and Chicago. In Boston and in Washington, he fell a bit short of the record—but only because police authorities stopped the ticket sale. The night he started at Fenway Park, for example, the announced attendance was 34,203, just 131 short of the record. But club officials estimated that 60,000 fans had tried to get into the park.

And in Boston, at least, the easily understandable pride of Paige's fellow Negroes was not an important factor in the attendance. The percentage of colored patrons in the stands was almost negligible. The white folks had come out to see this fabulous character—and they cheered him as loudly when he was knocked from the box as when he was introduced.

Paige is modest, almost taciturn, about his drawing power. He makes no attempt to explain it. It's just there. When he made his first start, in Cleveland against Washington, club officials expected a crowd in the neighborhood of 40,000 and were prepared to discount that estimate when the late afternoon turned cloudy.

A half hour before the game Coach Muddy Ruel glanced around the stands and remarked: "Say, we're going to have some people. Maybe 55,000."

Paige was thumping a new baseball into the pocket of his glove. He didn't even look toward the seats. He seemed to be thinking only of pitching.

"We'll do better than 70,000," he predicted quietly. That night, Aug. 3, exactly 72,434 paid their way into the Stadium and thousands more simply kept driving when they found the parking lots filled to capacity.

Two weeks later, with the normally-unattractive Chicago White Sox in the park, Paige started before 78,382 paying fans and 2,300 pass-holders, easily the largest crowd ever to watch a night game anywhere.

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By that time, of course, the public knew that Paige could pitch. Why he can pitch, at an age when most big leaguers have gone into retirement; what he throws and how he throws it; what he and others think of him as an artisan of the mound, will be discussed at length in next week's issue, when we consider Paige the Pitcher.

Right now let's look at Paige the Man. We'll have to look quickly because we might lose sight of him behind a bean pole or an elongated pipe-cleaner. Russ Christopher, the Indians' relief ace, was known as the Thin Man before Paige joined the club. Today, Russ isn't the only Tribesman who has to be careful not to step into the drain when he takes his shower.

Paige wears two pairs of regulation stockings, yet his legs are so thin that Earle Mack, the first time he saw Satchel in Shibe Park, cracked: "Say, do his legs always swell up like that when he pitches?"

Paige eats lightly and discriminately. He is a chronic victim of gas on the stomach.

Satch traces his ailment to a winter in Venezuela.

"Nobody there could say 'bread'," he explains. "I didn't know any Spanish words, and when I asked for bread, all I got was a polite grin. One day, I heard a fellow say 'Higado'. They brought him a plate of liver. For the next two months, I kept saying 'Higado'. I had liver for breakfast, dinner and supper. It was better than starving. But I've been spouting gas ever since."

A few weeks ago in Washington Paige had to leave the mound to take some bicarbonate of soda. The immediate result set the bats to vibrating in their racks and the Coast Guard strung warning signals all along the Potomac, but Old Satch was okay. He went out and finished the job of heating the Senators.

In an effort to limit such colossal burps to the possible minimum, Paige eats no fried food and drinks neither whiskey, beer, coffee nor tea. His favorite beverage is goat's milk. When he can't get that, he settles for warm water.

How Satchel Saved The President's Seat

The Courier

EDITOR'S NOTE: Wendell Smith is on vacation with "Ches" Washington pinch-hitting.

Sat 9-4-48

By CHESTER L. WASHINGTON

Pittsburgh Pa

America's real sports fans are appreciative of the fact that owner Bill Veeck of Cleveland had the courage to take a gamble on an aging hulk of baseball "luggage" and give old Satchel Paige his long-deserved chance in the majors. The still sensational Satch was already in the twilight of his colorful career when Veeck signed him. But Paige came through to prove that he still has something to offer by hurling two consecutive shut-out scalpings for the Indians.

Satchel is a natural showman on the mound if there ever was one . . . in addition to being one of the great speed-ball pitchers of all time. At his best when the chips are down, we've watched Paige tell his outfield to sit down on their mitts in the last inning and then make rival batsmen fan or pop out to the infield. If Satch had been given his chance ten years ago, he would have made the immortal Walter (Big Train) Johnson and Christy Mathews move over and make room for him in Baseball's Hall of Fame.

Satchelfoot's sensational deeds were legion in his palmy days. Always carrying a bag full of baseball tricks, Satchel plied his pitching wares not only in the States but in the Latin countries and islands of the Caribbean. For there he really found Baseball's Green Pastures.

So here's one of his true stories, told to us by the great Satch himself, about one season when he hustled down to the Dominican Republic to save the president's seat:

Down in the Dominican Republic they take their baseball seriously. Back in 1937 the Dominican prexy was perplexed. The enchanted isle of Dominica was tops in politics. But its ball team was at the bottom of the league. The prexy was shrewd as a politician, but a flop as a pitcher. And twirling took precedence over politics in that island wonderland. Their army was strong, but the ball club was weak. If the team lost the title to another club in the island league, Trujillio would lose his shirt, or rather his seat, to be exact . . . In ther words, down there it takes pitching to poll ballots.

So the prexy pouted:

"Those other Islanders are hitting over .300 while our batters couldn't hit the water if they'd fall out of a boat. Good old Dominica is going to the dogs, or rather the sharks. What our island needs is more fire in our pitching. Let's send for Satchel Paige and have him turn on the heat."

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Satchel Gets an Urgent SOS

So to save the prexy's seat, the island's big shots hurled an SOS to sure-armed Satch.

"I can't make Satch king but I'll make him Prince of the Pitchers," the president blurted. "I'll give him anything but my seat!" That was a hot one, said Satch.

The prexy's henchmen trailed Satchelfoot, tracked him down and tried to make a deal. The Dominican couldn't speak English . . . and Satchel couldn't speak Spanish. But they both could talk "turkey." Paige pondered . . . uncertain . . . undecided. But the emissary was smart. He knew a language they could both understand. He pulled out a fat billfold and extracted ten crisp $100 bills. And added that he would put plenty more in a U. S. bank for Satchel if he would fly to Dominica.

"Would I go for twenty grand?" asked Satch. "For that much loot I'd go to Jerusalem . . . When does the next plane leave?"

So the deal was closed and Satch and his suitcase went flying down to Dominica to save the president, and line his own pockets with mazuma.

Recalling the chant of the English, "God save the King," the Dominican fans cried:

"Satch, save our president." And added, "If you don't you'll face the firing squad and we don't mean pitchers."

Bolstered by the speedy slinging Satch—who won four in a row—the Dominican team bounced back like a golf ball on the upswing. Finally Dominica won the island title from the Estrella De'Oriente team in a 6-5 thriller. Surrounded by soldiers bearing menacing guns, we were gently reminded that "We had better win if we knew what was good for us. I took the hint quickly . . . and was lucky enough to shut 'em out in the last two innings," Satch explained.

So the mighty Satchel preserved the president's seat . . and incidentally, save his own carcass.

P. S.—Satchel's first pitching assignment was with the Chattanooga Black Lookouts of the Southern League in 1925 . . . and opposing batters have been on the lookout for his fast ball ever since . . . but seldom see it.

80,403 Awed as Paige Blanks White Sox 3-0; Has Drawn 201,829

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Pittsburgh, Pa

By AL DUNMORE

CLEVELAND—Leroy "Satchel" Paige, the man who had "quit baseball" three months ago, was hailed the biggest attraction in the game Friday night when he hurled a three-hit 1 to 0 victory over the Chicago White Sox before a paid attendance of 78,382 fans . . . there were actually 80,403 persons in the park . . . a figure that establishes a new record for night game attendance.

In his three games as starting hurler for the Indians, Paige has attracted a total of 201,829 paying customers which is believed to have set some sort of record in itself since the crowds were attracted with Cleveland facing the two last-place teams . . . Washington Senators, 72,434; Chicago in Chicago, 51,013 (and they turned away a reported 40,000 at that one) and now this Friday night crowd which betters the former major league mark set by the New York Yankees and the Boston Red Sox in Yankee Stadium May 26, 1947, with a crowd of 74,747.

And it is apparent that the Satchel Paige story is far from finished. The miracle man of sports is writing a story in the box scores also. When he completed his second nine-inning game Friday, he had hurled a total of twenty-six and one-third scoreless innings. (This includes his relief role against the Yankees).

SATCH SUPERB

Ol' Satch was superb in hurling his second complete game (and second consecutive shut-out) since joining the major leagues as a member of the pennant-bound Cleveland Indians. He handcuffed the White Sox so effectively that owner Bill Veeck commented after the game . . . "he didn't make a mistake. It was a perfectly pitched game."

FIVE WINS

This win brings the Paige total to five wins and one loss. He has won every game he has started although in his initial start against Washington he was removed for a pinch hitter with the score standing in his favor, 4-3, in the seventh inning.

Paige's pitching magic has been credited to his remarkable control. He has given up but one walk in his last two games. "You can whip them when you can make them hit at that first ball, and when you get them across they have to swing at the first one" . . . is Paige's pitching philosophy.

DOBY ASSISTS

In Friday night's game he gave up but three hits, singles by Pat Seery and Luke Appling, and a double by Tony Lupien. Hardest hit ball was a long fly by Seery that was brought down at the fence with a remarkable catch by Larry Doby, Paige's youthful teammate, who gave Satch vital assists not only in the field but at bat.

Doby's single in the fourth inning drove Manager Lou Boudreau across the plate with the lone tally of the game.

As important was a gigantic Doby peg in the first half of the fourth inning when Lupien walked to open the inning. Appling drove a single deep to center and Doby fielded the ball with a difficult one-hand stab. Lupien thought he could reach third, but Doby let go a tremendous heave to third baseman Ken Keltner who tagged the surprised Lupien as he came into the bag.

This was the closest a White Sox runner got to third base that evening.

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HAD TOUGH TASK

The game itself was additionally exciting in that Paige was given the task of sustaining a string of scoreless innings recorded by Indian pitchers during the week. The string, started by Feller in St. Louis last week was carried on by Bob Lemon, Gene Bearden and Sam Zoldak who collectively hurled thirty scoreless innings.

In addition to other tensions that still exist, what with Satch having shut-out the Sox in his last outing and hurling before the record-breaking audience, here was the job of maintaining a shut-out streak . . . but Satch was up to the task. He made it thirty-nine straight. Cleveland, incidentally, went ahead to establish a new record with Lemon pitching eight scoreless innings the next day to run the string to forty-seven, six better than the previous record of forty-one, but the team has lost three games and are now tied with Boston for first place.

VEECK ANSWERS SPINK

They move into the final swing of the East Tuesday night and the task of once again lifting the Indians back into a commanding lead may rest on the shoulders of the man whose signing was called by J. Taylor Spink of "The Sporting News" as detrimental to baseball.

Bill Veeck, who had signed Paige had the answer, however. In answer to this Veeck wired **Spink** after Friday night's game:

"Paige pitching . . . No runs, three hits. He definitely is in line for Sporting News' 'Rookie of the Year' Award. Regards.

Paige scoffs at the suggestion that began to take hold after Friday night's performance that he is eligible for the "Rookie" award . . . "Who ever heard of a rookie who has been playing twenty-two years."

Coincidentally, two standout rookies are locker room neighbors of Paige . . . Gene Bearden, the Indians' sensational first-year hurler . . . and Doby.

Paige told reporters Friday night that he had definitely made up his mind to quit baseball right before he signed with the Indians.

WANTED TO QUIT

"I was tired of travelling all over the world," he said, "I'd been everyplace and done everything a man could want to do. I've had everything I've wanted and I was ready to settle down. When Abe Saperstein sent for me to come to Cleveland, I sort of hesitated. You see, I remembered what had happened to those two boys down at St. Louis last year . . . (St. Louis had signed two Kansas City Monarch teammates of Paige's last year, used them for about four weeks and then released them).

"Even when I came to Cleveland I hadn't made up my mind to give it a try and I waited for four days before going to see Veeck. It was Chet Brewer (another veteran hurler now with the Cleveland Buckeyes who is a long-time friend of Paige's) who convinced me that I should go see what Veeck had to say.

"Even then I was hesitant and decided that the first time something out of the way was said to me I would turn in my uniform.

ONE IN A MILLION

"What happened to me won't happen again in a million years," Paige admits. "I feel like that song Al Hibbler sings "I'm Just a Lucky So and So" must have been written 'bout me.

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"Boudreau helped a lot, too. He realized that I must have taken care of myself or I wouldn't have been around as long as I had been. The average manager would have been giving me a lot of orders, but Boudreau just let me set my own training pace. I had a charleyhorse and if Boudreau had made me keep running until I had run it out, I would have quit, but he let me run like I knew was best for me."

He was high in his praise of the Indian organization. "When you have a genuine man at the top, (Veeck) you know thinks are all right all the way down."

He doesn't feel that any more of the old-time greats who are still around (and who can still play baseball) will be given a chance, but it is certain things will be all right for the young fellows who can produce. He said there were two young fellows on the Kansas City Monarchs (he couldn't remember their names) who were ready for moving up into the minor leagues.

Satch admits that he hadn't pitched nine innings for seven years until he finished that game in Chicago last Friday night . . . "but I didn't get tired."

This he admitted to veteran coach Bill McKechnie, who is rated

and 51,013 paying fans at Comiskey Park that night was a 5 to 0, five-hit victory over the Chicago White Sox, a decision which returned the Indians to first place, a half-game ahead of the Philadelphia Athletics. He struck out only one, but he walked no one and all the hits off him were singles.

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"Beating the last-place White Sox, even shutting them out, hardly is a performance which qualifies the victor for a niche in the Hall of Fame. But going nine innings and looking as good as Paige looked, is practically a feat of magic—if you're a member of the Cleveland pitching staff.

Veech Buys Something

"Old Satch, this writer is convinced, is just the pennant insurance the Tribesmen need. Bill Veeck may have been smart or he may have been plain lucky. But he bought himself a gold mine when he decided that, of all the thousands of throwers available, this ancient pitcher was the best."

Tribe Scribe Says Satchel Really Rates

Afro American
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CHICAGO — Ed McAuley, veteran baseball writer traveling with the Cleveland Indians, last week praised Satchel Paige as the "insurance" needed by the Tribe to cop the American League pennant. Reprinted herewith are excerpts from McAuley's report of Paige's 5-0 whitewash of the Chicago White Sox, a win which was his fourth of the season and put the Tribe back in first place:

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His best friends said it was too bad. The old boy was let into major league baseball at least 15 years too late.

"They were right—and they'll still be right when Leroy (Satchel) Paige is pitching in the 1948 World Series.

"He came too late to win his rightful place with Walter Johnson and Cy Young and Christy Mathewson and Bob Fellow among the greatest pitchers in the history of baseball.

"But he arrived in ample time to help the Cleveland Indians win the pennant. Manager Lou Boudreau announced Saturday that Paige is one of his starting pitchers—not as a stop-gap who will take the hill when no other hurler is available, not as a box office attraction in carefully selected spots, but as one of the few effective members of a mound staff desperately in need of help.

Paige to Start

"Paige definitely won a regular starting job last night,' said Boudreau. 'I'll use him in Cleveland next week. I haven't decided just when. I want to talk to him and see how much rest he'd like to have between nine-inning games. But he showed me Friday night that he can help us.' He showed me plenty.'

"What Paige showed Boudreau as a great judge of baseball talent.

"Tell me, Satch, and you can tell me the truth, did you get tired out there?" McKechnie asked.

"No, I didn't," Satch admitted frankly.

He told a reporter that he felt he could still throw as hard as he could ten years ago . . . but not often.

"I used my fast ball out there, tonight," he said . . . but around the eighth I had to show them that I had a curve."

RESPECTS SEERY

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He holds the greatest respect for Chicago's erratic Pat Seery. "That right hander can hit them a country mile. I had to pitch to him high and outside so he couldn't pull that ball. If he had pulled that one Doby caught it would have been out of the park."

Whatever the future, Satch has carved his niche in the record books. He's definitely the oldest rookie ever to break into baseball. He is the first Negro hurler to pitch in the American League. No one can match that three-game figure that he established on his personal drawing power.

When Beradino fielded Appling's easy grounder and tossed it to Eddie Robinson for the final out, the entire press box stood and applauded Paige as he left the field. Seldom has this writer seen this sort of tribute paid an athlete by the men who have seen many great champions down through the years. It was their way of admitting to themselves that they had seen a remarkable exhibition. It was their way of paying tribute to a championship performance by a great champion.

CAYTON Sees Great Political Significance in Satchel Paige's Belated Entry Into Big League Baseball

Pitt Courier

By HORACE CAYTON

(The views expressed in this column are those of the writer and do not necessarily express the editorial opinion of The Pittsburgh Courier. — The Editors.)

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WITHIN the last few days two important events happened in baseball, America's greatest sport. Babe Ruth died and Satchel Paige pitched two no-run games. Of course everyone knew about Babe Ruth. They loved him for his interest in kids and even named a candy bar after him. But most of the general population knew little about Satchel Paige.

Mr. Cayton

There was a rumor among ardent sport fans about a fabulous Negro pitcher but millions of people who followed the game had never heard his name before Aug. 13. Of the two events, the death of Babe Ruth and the victory of Satchel Paige, the latter is most important.

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IT MAY SEEM incredible to some that the writer should consider the death of the mighty Babe Ruth less important than the victories by a long, lean, lank, big-footed Negro. But there is a difference and a great one. Babe Ruth was a national hero and in this sense all America worshiped him. His death was a tragedy. Satchel Paige's victories, however, had deep political significance.

They were more breaks-through in the barrier which keeps the Negro from full participation in American democracy. Those two games raised the hopes of millions of Negroes. I also suspect that these facts added to the tension which white people feel when they are faced with the fact that inevitably the entire color bar must drop.

Pittsburgh Pa

AT THE GAME in Chicago 81,000 people turned up but only 52,000 could squeeze into the park. The police had sent thirty officers to handle an estimated crowd of 10,000. But they, like the general American public, didn't know the magic of Paige's name nor the symbolic significance which this game had for Negroes. They also didn't know the rancor and irony of the fact that Paige, after being in baseball for twenty years and having pitched twenty-five times in this same baseball field, was now carrying the hopes of millions of Negroes.

(In Cleveland, 78,382 saw Paige pitch.)

His success or failure seemed to symbolize the success or failure which all Negroes would be able to achieve. There was also the rancor that was in the Negro fans' mind about being left out of the major leagues for all these years.

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BOTH OF THESE sentiments were summed up in a comment that was made—and variations of it could be heard all over the park — "Boy, you shoulda' seen him in his prime. They wait 'til he gets to be an old man before they give him a chance. Now if he messes up they'll say it's 'cause he's a Negro."

The tension during the games were tremendous. Every time Paige wound up to deliver a pitch in his own inimitable fashion, people in the stands became quiet or murmured a prayer to themselves. One Negro woman mumbled to herself every time he was about to deliver the ball, "Oh, God, I hope it's a strike." And then if it was she would release her almost religious ecstasy by shouting, "WHEE WHEE, WHEE." Throughout the game there was tremendous applause every time Satch warmed up or walked to the mound. There were groans whenever he pitched a ball. Frequently, after he struck out a man, there were spontaneous cries of "Give it to 'em, Satch!"

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NEGRO FANS of Chicago turned out en masse. Probably three-quarters of the 52,000 were colored. But in contrast to many ball games at which there is large Negro attendance, the crowd was well behaved. This event was too important to mess up by rowdy behavior. That would be letting old Satch down and tonight Satch had to whip the white folks.

Richard Wright once wrote that Joe Louis' victories in the ring had political significance. The reason of course is that any Negro who breaks the color barrier in any field demonstrates to the masses of the Negroes how unjustly they have been treated by a system which does not allow every man in America to compete for any position, honor, or office on the basis of his merits alone.

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WHETHER THE breakthrough is accomplished by a Joe Louis or a Jackie Robinson or a Satchel Paige, the important thing is that it represents a victory over segregation. Both Negroes and whites can see before their very own eyes that if given an equal chance a black man is as good as a white man. The feeling of elation, of triumph, of determination to struggle that this engenders in the hearts of millions of Negroes will live on long after all of these men are dead.

Big baseball has bowed to the inevitable, for it is inevitable that sooner or later the Negro in America will be freed of the bonds of race discrimination White America should have been frightened by what went on in Chicago's Comiskey Park. It showed the intensity of feeling among Negroes, their desperate desire for status, and their almost hysterical feelings of rebellion.

Satchel Paige Magnificently Defeats Sox

The Defender

Sat 8-21-48

By FAY YOUNG

Chicago Ill

Ol' Satchel Paige returned to Chicago Friday night, Aug. 13, and was the magnet which drew 51,013, the largest night crowd in White Sox history. Fully 20,000 were turned away. At least 20 were injured when those milling about the front entrance tried to jam their way past the tunstiles at Comiskey Park.

Paige crossed up the baseball experts, who were of the belief that he could go but five to seven innings and pitched the entire game, giving up five hits and blanking the tail-end Sox. The Cleveland Indians won, 5-0, and moved back into the first place in the hot American League race. He made his Chicago Debut as a Negro leaguer in magnificent style.

On Tuesday, Aug. 3, in Municipal Stadium, Cleveland, Paige was the magnet which drew 72,434, the largest crowd to ever attend a night game in Cleveland. It had been announced the day before that Paige would start. Likewise on Friday, the Chicago dailies announced that Paige would start that night at Comiskey Park.

Improved Paige

Friday, the 13th didn't bother Satchel—neither did the White Sox. He didn't walk a batter. He didn't try to strike out everybody. He was a showman, second to none but at the same time he was much improved over the Satch who use to fling them over in the Negro American League of the Kansas City Monarchs.

He was more than the Satchel who pitched the East to a 1-0 victory over the West as a member of the famous Pittsburgh Crawfords and more than the Paige who beat the East as a member of the Kansas City Monarchs or the Paige who didn't get into one of the recent East vs West games because he wanted 10 per cent of the net and declared he would give it to charity.

Ol' Satchel got even with the Negro league heads by drawing a larger crowd than the East vs West game. He looked at the jam-packed Comiskey Park, smiled recollecting that he had hurled many a night game there and it was as familar to him then as it was years ago. Same old park, same lights, bigger crowd, same home plate, everything all the same except Satch was now in Big Time baseball.

The 51,013 loved him as much as Satchel loved the limelight. But the old master had learned a few things. There were eight other men out there and a corking good field general in Lou Boudreau, manager and shortstop for the Indians.

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During the early innings, Paige would flip the first ball across for a strike. In the closing frames, he changed it and the first ball he threw was a "ball." He bent over long enough to be sure he had the right signal from Catcher Hegan. He drew a big laugh from the crowd when he snapped a throw to second in an attempt to catch a Sox runner who was taking too big a lead off.

Doby Scores

Larry Doby, first Negro to be signed in the American League tripled to center in the Cleveland fifth. Ken Keltner struck out but Hegan skied to Seerey in left and Doby scored the first run of the game after the catch.

Doby, who can run about as fast as Jackie Robinson, stole second and stole third. He scored one run, got two hits in four times at the plate. He made three catches in the outfield, one of them a corker.

Cleveland added one more run in the eighth and three to salt the game away in their half of the ninth. The victory was the fourth for Paige against one loss. It was the second time that he had started a game.

Take no credit away from Randy Gumpert, formerly with the New York Yankees. He fought it out with Paige for eight innings, giving away to a pinch hitter. Although Moulder finished and three runs were made off him in the ninth, Gumpert was charged with the loss.

Until the sixth, Paige didn't allow a man to reach second. Up to the sixth only Luke Appling, in the first, and Philley, in the sixth, nicked Paige's delivery for hits. Two were out each time.

Gumpert opened the sixth with a single and went to second on a sacrifice but the Sox weren't able to do anything with Satchel's offerings. Peck gathered in Lupien's fly and Boudreau tossed out Appling.

The crowd rose enmasse to give Peck a great hand as he came in for the Cleveland eighth. In the seventh he backed up against the right field wall to take Aaron Robinson's long drive with his gloved hand.

Washington Player Hurls Race Epithet

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ED. STEWART

It was "b— s— o— a b—" that Ed Stewart, Washington outfielder, called Satchel Paige in the eighth inning of Monday night's game here in which the Cleveland Indians, with Paige on the mound, humbled the Senators, 10-1, before 28,058 cash customers.

Stewart, plainly irked by missing a Paige "biooper" pitch to the delight of the huge gathering, was seen to head straight for the pitcher's box after flying out on a subsequent pitch. As he passed Satchel, the Washington player tossed what the spectators knew must have been an epithet in the direction of Paige.

Satchel made as though to go after Stewart but apparently thought better of it and simply reached down and picked up the resin bag off the grass.

Umpire Questions Paige

The action was so easily interpreted that Umpire Bill Summers left his position behind the plate to ask Satchel what the outfielder had said.

"He called me a 'b— s— o— a b—,'" Paige declared. "Why?"

The umpire replied: "I want to make a report of it."

The AFRO questioned American League President Will Harridge on Tuesday morning, to determine whether or not his office had requested reports on such incidents. Harridge explained:

"Our umpires have no orders to this effect. Summers may have wanted background information for a detailed report in case something further developed of a more serious nature.

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Same as Feller

"Paige is the same in this office as Bob Feller. He is just a Cleveland pitcher and his race doesn't count. The Cleveland club and Paige, I'm sure, want it this way

There's one thing I can tell you, Paige has handled himself very well since he has been in the American League."

This was the second time this season that a Washington player has shown a distaste for the presence of Paige in the pitcher's box. The previous visit of the Indians to this city was marked by Catcher Al Evans's repeated stepping out of the batter's box at the height of Satchel's windup, an action that is frequently practiced on the sandlots and in teen-age neighborhood baseball, but never in the major leagues, and never by Washington players against other pitchers.

Some years ago, another Washington outfielder, Jake Powell, was quoted as telling a radio audience he spent his off-season (from baseball) time "whipping 'n——rs' over the head" as a policeman.

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Satchel Makes Debut but Tribe Loses, 5 to 3

Detroit, Mich.

Sat. 7-10-48

CLEVELAND — (U.P.) — Old Satchel Paige finally made his major league debut after 25 years of pitching, but it didn't save the Cleveland Indians from a 5-3 defeat by the St. Louis Browns before 34,780.

Paige strolled into the box in relief of Bob Lemon, the team's leading pitcher, who was removed for a pinch hitter in the fourth. Lemon lost his seventh game of the season. 7-10-48

The Negro star pitched two runless innings, allowed just two singles and struck out Whitey Platt. He panicked the crowd with his windmill windup, a hesitation pitch and a low ceiling blooper ball.

ST. LOUIS	AB	H	O	A
D'l'ger,3b	4	1	3	3
St'vens,1b	4	2	11	0
Priddy,2b	2	1	4	4
Platt,lf	3	1	5	0
Z'r'la,cf,rf	4	0	1	0
Kokos,rf	2	1	0	0
Lehner,cf	0	0	1	0
Partee,c	4	1	1	2
P'l'g'ni,ss	4	0	1	6
Sanford,p	3	2	0	3
Garver,p	1	0	0	0
Totals	31	9	27	18

CLEVELAND	AB	H	O	A
M'tch'l,lf	5	1	1	0
B'dino,1b	5	0	7	2
Edw'ds,rf	5	1	3	0
B'dreau,ss	5	1	1	2
Gordon,2b	3	3	5	2
K'ltner,3b	4	1	0	2
J'dnich,cf	4	3	3	0
Hegan,c	4	1	7	1
Lemon,p	1	0	0	3
aPeck	0	0	0	0
Paige,p	0	0	0	0
bDoby	1	1	0	0
cK'nedy	0	0	0	0
Klieman,p	0	0	0	0
dTucker	1	0	0	0
Gromek,p	0	0	0	0
Totals	38	12	27	12

aWalked for Lemon in fourth.
bSingled for Paige in sixth.
cRan for Doby in sixth.
dGrounded out for Klieman in eithth.

St. Louis	3 1 0	0 0 0	1 0 0—5
Cleveland	1 0 0	0 0 1	1 0 0—3

R—Priddy, Platt, Zarilla, Sanford 2, Mitchell, Gordon, Judnich. E—Judnich. RBI—Kokos, Partee, Boudreau, Sanford, Doby, Platt, Keltner. 2B—Hegan, Judnich, Keltner. 3B—Judnich. HR—Sanford. SB—Dillinger. S—Priddy, Dillinger, Stevens. DP—Pellagrini, Priddy to Stevens; Gordon to Boudreau; Gordon, Boudreau to Berardino. LB—St. Louis 7, Cleveland 10.BB—Sanford 2, Lemon 2, Klieman 2, Gromek 1.SO—Garver 1, Lemon 2, Paige 1, Cromek 1. H—Lemon 5 in 4; Paige 2 in 2; Klieman 1 in 2; Gromek 0 in 1; Sanford 12 in 6 2-3; Garver 0 in 2⅓. PB—Partee. WP—Sanford. LP—Lemon. Attendance—34,780.

Holds Browns Scoreless in Two Frames on Mound

The Afro-American

Doby Returns to Line-Up by Driving in Run as Pinch-Hitter for Satchel

Baltimore, Md.

Sat. 7-17-48

CLEVELAND—Leroy (Satchel) Paige, veteran Negro American League hurler, made his big league debut with the Cleveland Indians Friday night.

Paige, who joined the Cleveland team on Wednesday, made his start as a relief hurler, pitching the fifth and sixth innings of the Indians 5-3 loss to the St. Louis Browns.

Satchel replaced Bob Lemon at the top of the fifth. During the two innings he shut out the Browns with two singles, struck out one and forced another to line into a double play.

Cool and Collected

Paige worked slowly and displayed no signs of expected nervousness, from the fact that he issued no base on balls.

Bob Lemon, the starting Indian hurler, gave up four runs on five hits, struckout two and assigned two bases on balls. He was charged with the loss. 7-17-48

Klieman followed Paige to the mound in the seventh and was nicked for the Browns final tally, with Gromek going in in the ninth.

Doby in Lineup

Larry Doby, who had been sidelined for more than a week with an injured ankle, returned to action as a pinch-hitter for Paige in the sixth and accounted for Cleveland's second run with a single. He also committed a bobble.

Paige reportedly 39 but generally regarded as much older, was in uniform on Wednesday night when the Indians trounced the Chicago White Sox, 10-2, but did not get into the game.

New York Star

Leroy (Satchel) Paige, long-time legendary hurling ace of the Kansas City Monarchs in the Negro National League, talks to his new boss, Bill Veeck, about his coming pitching duties with the Indians.

Associated Press Wirephoto

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Cleveland Signs 'Satchel' Paige

News, Birmingham, Ala

Wed. 7-7-48

CLEVELAND, July 7—(AP)—The Cleveland Indians today announced the signing of Leroy (Satchel) Paige, 39-year-old pitcher recognized as one of the "greats" in Negro baseball.

Tribe Manager Lou Boudreau did not disclose whether he intended to use the hurler in relief or starting roles, but said he would be in uniform tonight.

A tall, slim righthander, Paige has been with the Kansas City Monarchs for about six years. Tribe President Bill Veeck said he was signed after "we had searched the country in search of a capable pitcher."

The Indians last year brought the first Negro player to the American League when they signed Larry Doby.

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VEECK disclosed that Paige was signed only after a personal demonstration yesterday during which Boudreau and Tribe Vice President Hank Greenberg sampled his pitching.

"Paige threw 50 pitches," said Veeck. "Only four of them missed the strike zone."

The News

He said there was no question in the minds of Boudreau and Greenberg but that Paige "had it." Wed. 7-7-48

Veeck did not disclose the contract terms, but it was believed they were generous. Paige is reported to have been earning an estimated $30,000 annually between the Monarchs and his winter barnstorming appearances. B'ham, Ala

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A NATIVE OF MOBILE, Ala., Paige broke into baseball in 1928 with the Birmingham Black Barons. He has been with the Baltimore Black Sox, the Chicago American Giants, the Pittsburgh Crawfords and the House of David. 7-7-48

His record in strikeouts for a single game is 18—the same as Bobby Feller's major league mark—set in 1932 when he was pitching for the Monarchs against the Baltimore Black Sox in Yankee Stadium.

New York Herald Tribune

NEW INDIAN AND HIS BOSS: Leroy (Satchel) Paige, Negro hurler signed by Cleveland, grips baseball as he discusses new role with Tribe president, Bill Veeck

Associated Press wirephoto

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Indians Sign Satchel Paige, 39, Negro With Blinding Fast Ball

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Indian Fans Cheer Satch Warming Up

Daily Worker New York, N.Y.

Fri. 7-9-48

Special to the Daily Worker

By Elmer O. Fehlhaber

CLEVELAND, July 8.—I went down to the big Municipal Stadium on the lakefront Wednesday night with the hope that I'd get my first glimpse of Leroy (Satchel) Paige in a game with the Cleveland Indians. And judging from the buzzing comment of nearly 32,000 fans, I was far from alone in the expectation of witnessing an exhibition of the pitching genius of the famed Negro star who, although late in his career, has rightfully entered major league baseball.

It was an evening of mixed emotion for those of us who are pulling hard for the Indians to win. Here was Bob Feller starting the game, which was needed to keep the Indians in first place, and Bobby has been having more than his share of hard luck lately. You wanted to see Feller return to his traditional winning stride. You didn't want the Iowa boy knocked out of the box, although you anticipated that this could easily happen.

At the same time you wanted to see the fabulous Paige walk out on the mound, even for a single inning. Feller got into hot water in the first inning.

Lou Boudreau gave a quick signal to the bull pen out by the right field bleachers. It was caught by the crowd and there was a shifting of eyes from Feller to watch the landy Negro pitcher remove his jacket and begin his warm-up. You could grasp that here was a veteran who could take any situation in his stride. Fri.

"That's Satchel Paige" ran through the crowd. "We'll see old Satchel before the night's over." But Feller managed to retire the side and the Indians came back with a rush. In their half of the inning and scored six runs. Feller promptly steadicd down and allowed only five hits for the belance of the game, which was won by the Tribe, 10-2. 7-9-48

So we didn't see Paige in action but it was a matter of solid comfort to know that the man whose age is well beyond that of most big league players, was ready to put out the fire if called upon, and when it seemed that Feller might be forced from the mound there was a general expression of confidence from the fans that Paige could stem any uprising by the White Sox. Daily Worker

Lou Boudreau with his readiness to call upon Paige demonstrated that neither he nor Bill Veeck was kidding when each said Paige had been bought for his pitching ability and not for "publicity."

"I said that Larry Doby would be a good ball player and he is rapidly becoming one," Veeck said. **"I signed Paige because I think he can help us. We don't need publicity; we need help on the field."**

Paige intends to give all he has. Asked if he believed if he could keep up with the pace in the majors, he said quietly: "Home plate's just the same size. I'm not as fast as I used to be," he continued, "but I'm a better pitcher. I used to overpower 'em, now I try to outcute 'em." New York, N.Y.

There is tremendous elation in Cleveland over the acquisition of Paige, and there is whole-hearted endorsement of Bill Veeck's actions in throwing discrimination out the window. This city is aching for a winner and the people believe that Satchel is the addition that may be the guarantee of victory. Fri.

Paige got a nice hand when he appeared in the field in practice session. He was called out of the dugout later to accommodate a cluster of autograph seekers and when he ambled out to the bull pen as the game was about to begin he was followed by a steady ripple of applause. 7-9-48

'HESITATION' TALK:

See Nothing Wrong With Satchel's Pitch

Afro-American

Baltimore, Md.

Now that Satchel Paige, of the Cleveland Indians, has been ordered to stop throwing his "hesitation pitch," what happens next?

The signing of Paige by the Indians caused much comment, both i nfavor of and against the signing. But there is one thing sure, baseball lovers everywhere are keenly interested in the veteran star's every move. Sat.

The baseball layman wonders how much the action will hamper the hurler's effectiveness. On the other hand, the protest has students of the game wondering: Did the protest filed by the Washington Senators describe Paige's movements or did it describe a known balk? 7-31-48

Paige is accused in some instances of winding up and then holding the ball above his head too long before delivering to the plate. In some others, he is reported to complete all the body motion for a pitch, including the placing of the left foot on the ground and then a split second later shooting a bullet-like heave.

In the first case, whether men are on base or not, the pause definitely is not a balk. With men on base, it is another matter. Any pitcher who winds up permits the runners to advance since the rules have always stated that a hurler can not face a batter and go into the motion to deliver to the plate, then change and throw to a base. This has always been a balk.

Without men on base, to pause the proper length of time is an art and definitely stamps the hurler as a killful worker. It has been established that all pitchers don't have that blinding fast ball that the batters can not see and hit. These hurlers rely upon a change of pace pitch that gets the batters off their proper timing.

There is no ruling that a batter can not step out of his box if he feels the hurler is taking too much time before delivering the ball. In the batter's case, he wants to be ready to blast the ball out of the park. The pitcher, on the other hand, hopes his pitch will pass the hitter before the latter is ready or after he has relaxed part of his batting power. Sat.

One fact is definitely established. Paige has mastered some effective pitches, along with exceptional control, than anything ever found in the major leagues. For 20 years, the 44-year-old veteran has been heaving these same pitches to many of the all-time great major-leaguers and there was no complaint. 7-31-48

They watched the pitch and many of them marveled at the effectiveness from the standpoint of control, speed and deception. Surely in all these years Paige has been hurling, someone or some group before now would have launched a campaign to outlaw such hurling.

Whatever the outcome of the new ruling, this writer does not believe that Paige will be less effective. But it seems a shame that any move would be started to hamper this effectiveness. There is nothing wrong with the Washington Senators protesting because they are working for a living like all players and when a pitcher or base stealer or anyone that threatens to make them look bad, turns up in the league you may expect them to beef.

Satchell Paige Makes Majors With Cleveland

New York Star

Thurs. 7-8-48

CLEVELAND, July 7—Leroy (Satchell) Paige, who has been a legendary pitching figure in Negro baseball leagues for longer than anyone – including Satchell – cares to remember, made the big league today after showing Cleveland Manager Lou Boudreau 50 samples of his stock in trade.

Boudreau and Cleveland President Bill Veeck had old Satch in for a secret workout yesterday and when Paige hit the strike zone on 46 out of 50 pitches with Lou at bat, Veeck got to work and bought the long, lean wizard's contract from the Kansas City Monarchs of the Negro American League.

Boudreau poled a few line drives off Satchell's delivery, but he was convinced.

To Be Reliefer

"Now I can believe some of the tall stories they tell about his pitching," Lou remarked.

Satchell's rise to the majors at his advanced age probably will not prove the old theory that his greatness was the equal of major league stars like Bob Feller, Hal Newhouser, Ewell Blackwell and pitching demons like Bob Grove, Carl Hubbell and others who were toiling when Satch was in his prime.

Says He's 39

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Paige, who says he is only 39 even though it seemed to some fans he has been pitching forever, was signed primarily as a right-handed relief pitcher.

Satch will be costly pennant insurance for the Indians, for it has been estimated that his baseball earnings have averaged at least $30,000 per year. It has always been reported through the years that Paige said he couldn't afford to pitch in the majors—they couldn't meet his salary requirements.

Facing major league batters will be nothing new for him. In the past 20 years he has pitched against most of the top stars of both majors in exhibitions, and many big league batters have called him one of the best of all time.

Last Fall Paige faced Bobby Feller's All-Stars in Los Angeles and blanked them, 8-0, striking out 16.

Beat Dean, 1-0

nI 1934, when Dizzy Dean was at his peak, Satchell tangled with the great Gas Houser and beat him, 1-0, in a 13-inning thriller. Veeck saw that one and calls it "the best I've ever seen."

Satchell was pitching for Bismarck, N. D., that year, a team whose record was no less amazing that some of Paige's. Of 105 games played, they won 104. And Satchell laughingly recalls now that he must have started in every one of them.

"I know there was one month when I started in 29 games," he says.

He has never faced Ted Williams, but he has pitched to Joe Di Maggio and thinks he is the toughest of the present crop. Before Di Maggio, Satch says, Charlie Gehringer of the Tigers gave him the most trouble. "He had a great pair of eyes," he says.

Has Own Plane

He has always had a penchant for bright colored automobiles and food. It is said that he once ate a dozen hot dogs during a game and then dined on half a turkey and a whole watermelon.

In 1946, his best recent season, the Monarchs bought him an airplane to enable him to keep engagements. In 93 innings that year he allowed only two runs and ran a string of scoreless innings to 64. Most of the time he worked in relief, but he tossed in a complete game to clinch the pennant.

"I just wanted to let them know I still had it," the 6-foot-3½ bachelor says.

His strikeout record for one game is 18—like teammate Feller's—but he doesn't know what his total is. He has pitched what he calls a "hatful" of no-hitters with such teams as the Birmingham Barons, Baltimore Black Sox, Chicago American Giants, Pittsburgh Crawfords—even the House of David.

Satchel Amazes Indians' Boss With Superb Control

The Afro-American

Tosses 44 Strikes Out of 50 Throws to Show That He Still Has Plenty 'Stuff'

Baltimore, Md

Sat. 7-17-48

CLEVELAND (ANP) — Leroy (Satchel) Paige, the legendary right-hand hurler formerly with the Kansas City Monarchs, uncorked visible evidence before his new boss, Bill Veeck of the Cleveland Indians, of his unique prowess with the league ball here last week.

Veeck, who has signed Paige for the rest of the season as relief hurler on Bob Feller's recommendation, was somewhat dubious about the many stories he had heard of the hurler's accuracy and deceptiveness with the ball.

Facing new teammates in a tryout, Paige tossed 50 pitches from the mound to men like Lou Boudreau, Cleveland manager, and some of the regulars. Out of the 50, he slipped 44 strikes over the plate. That was enough to convince Veeck that he still has "enough stuff" left to be dangerous to the Indians' opponents.

Not New to Game

Satchel, however, is not new to the game of facing major league batters. He has pitched against such greats as Dizzy Dean, Bob Feller and many others, in all-all-star games. 7-17-48

His fast ball brought him into prominence while with the Birmingham Black Barons in 1928. Later he signed with the American Giants, then drifted to the Pittsburgh Crawfords where he became famous as a battery mate for the late Josh Gibson. From there, he joined the Newark team, pitched for a white club in Bismarck, N.D., returned to the Crawfords, and then toured Central and South America. Upon his return, he signed with the Monarchs.

Although no figures are available, it is said that Paige will receive a better salary than he has been getting of late. Formerly, it was said, he drew $30,000 annually, but it is expected that this figure dropped off with the last few years.

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Satch Ain't Color Blind

Satchel Paige of the Cleveland Indians is put out because a newspaper story said he owned a big red car with this inscription on the door: "Satchel" Paige. world's greatest pitcher.

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"I never owned a red car," old Satch protested. "It was maroon."

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Negro Ace Signed by Cleveland

Free Press

Detroit, Mich

Expect Him to Aid Tribe as Reliefer

BY LYALL SMITH

Free Press Sports Editor

A baseball question of 20 years' duration was partially answered Wednesday when the Cleveland Indians signed Leroy (Satchel) Paige, famed Negro pitcher, to a major-league contract. Thurs. 7-8-48

"What would Old Satch do in the bigtime?" That has been the question ever since the lanky, dusky right-hander began to burn up Negro leagues with his hurry-up ball and his self-styled bat-dodger pitch.

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THE INDIANS, fearful of losing their dwindling American League lead, added Paige to their roster in a surprise move to bolster their corps of relief pitchers.

He is the seventh member of his race to sign a major league contract. The four now playing in the big leagues include Larry Doby, his Cleveland teammate, and Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

"I'm starting my major league career with one thing in my favor," Satchel grinned in the office of President Bill Veeck of the Indians. "I won't be afraid of anything I see in the batter's box. I've been around too long for that . . ."

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JUST HOW long he has been around . . . or exactly how old he is . . . is anybody's guess. Paige says he was born in Mobile in 1908. But his age has been estimated in the 40s and even in the 50s.

Veeck purchased his contract from the Kansas City Monarchs of the Negro American League. How much he paid for the lean hurler is unknown but Satchel's pay checks are known to have averaged around $20,000 a season as he barnstormed up and down the nation and back again.

His strikeout record for a single game is 18 . . . the same as that of his new teammate, Feller. That was back in 1932 for the Monarchs against Baltimore in Yankee Stadium.

Veeck and Manager Lou Boudreau took him to Cleveland Tuesday for a secret session in which he worked out for an hour with Boudreau. It was the first time the Cleveland manager had seen him in action.

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"HE THREW 50 pitches and only three or four were wide of the plate," Boudreau attested. Lou hit a few line drives but said he felt that Paige would be a great help in relief roles for the Indians.

In Paige, the Indians have signed up the greatest name among Negro ballplayers. His name is a magnet at the gate as he continues to bolster the yarns about his pitching greatness.

Paige was scheduled to be on the bench when the Indians played Chicago Wednesday night.

Satchel Paige's Mother Solves Puzzle: He's 44

Herald Tribune

New York N.Y.

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MOBILE, Ala., July 17 (AP).—One of baseball's current mysteries—how old is Satchel Paige—was cleared up today.

His mother, a spry, white-haired woman of seventy-eight, says he's forty-four years old.

The ageless cannon-ball chunker of the Cleveland Indians was born here in Mobile, right on the shore of Mobile Bay, in fact.

There are some stories that he got the nickname Satchel from the time he worked as a redcap at the Mobile depot. Mrs. Tula Paige wouldn't know about that.

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But she does know about his age.

"I'm sure he's forty-four," she said. "I remember something came up once about changing his age when he left to play ball in Chatanooga back about 1927, but he's really forty-four."

"My boy has always loved baseball," she said. "Why, he'd rather play baseball than eat. It was always baseball, baseball."

She says one of the reasons he made a success was because "he would take advice."

"His greatest ambition was to become a good baseball player and it looks like he's really made good now."

Old Satch Still Has It, Says Monarch Owner

New York Daily

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 7 (UP).—One of the greatest baseball pitchers of all times is finally going to get his chance in the majors. Had his skin been white, Satchel Paige would have had them on their ears under the big top for the last 20 years. Now, late in his baseball life, the man with the willowy whip is going to see some service, with Cleveland.

Take it from Tom Y. Baird, owner of the Kansas City Monarchs, "Old Satch" still can throw that nugget. Maybe not for nine full innings but for three or four. Over the short relief route, Baird said today, Satch can go with the best of them.

Baird said that Satch still had been under contract to the Monarchs, although the last year or two he had been used only in big exhibition games. He also has been running his own traveling Negro team.

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Satch has a fabulous record. He pitched in 2,100 games in 20 years. One year, for which Negro baseball records were kept, he won 31 and lost four. You have to go back almost to the "ancient age" of white baseball to find such records, back to the days of Kid Nichols in the '90's.

In 1937 he was reported to have drawn $37,000 for his pitching. As late as 1945, his income was said to have been near $20,000. He has been paid as much as $1,500 for pitching four or five innings of exhibition ball.

Just how old Satch is now is a question. The Cleveland **Dispatch** said 39. His wife, Mrs. Lahoma Paige, said he was 41.

Mrs. Paige was excited. **"I think he has called me about six times about his progress toward entering the major leagues,"** she said. **"No, I don't think major league ball players will worry him. He's pitched against a lot of them already."**

The Paiges, married in 1946, have a 4-month-old daughter, Palestine Pamela Paige.

Satch pitched the Monarchs to six Negro American League titles and to four Negro world championships in his halycon days. He

pitched 18 scoreless innings against three or four of the 50 pitchers were not strikes. Now I believe all the tall stories they tell about his pitching. He still has plenty and should make us a good relief pitcher."

The Afro-American

Bourdeau needs a relief hurler badly, and if Old Satchel is able to make the grade, the Tribe's followers can look with greater hope toward an American League pennant come September.

Just when Paige will see action is problematical. He is ready to go whenever Bourdeau asks, but there was no need for his services Wednesday night as Bob Feller subdued the White Sox with eight hits for his ninth victory of the season against nine losses.

Magnet at the Gate

In many quarters, the signing of Paige will be regarded as a shrewd financial move by President Bill Veeck of the Indians, but there is much evidence that Paige may be of tremendous value to the Tribe in the fight for the pennant.

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Paige is certain to be a good drawing attraction for the Indians, as he has been the magnet which has sent the attendance figures soaring everywhere he has played. Yet when he is serious about his hurling, the former Kansas City Monarchs ace can shower down with superb effectiveness. He has excellent control and blinding speed.

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Satchel attributes his good control to his youthful days when he "tossed stones at tin cans all day long." There is no record of how many games, Satchel has pitched but he estimates that he has played in 2,100 games in 20 years, winning the vast majority of them including a "hatful of no-hitters."

7th Colored Player

Asked how he felt about pitching to big-league batters, Paige replied "Don't make no difference. The plate's still the same size."

Paige is the seventh colored player signed to play in the majors and the fourth in the American League. Two, Larry Doby, outfielder, also of the Indians, and Paige, are now in the American League, while Willard Brown and William Thompson, signed by the St. Louis Browns last year, were released a month later and are again with the Kansas City Monarchs.

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Two others, Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella, are in the National League with the Brooklyn Dodgers, while the seventh, Dan Bankhead, ex-Memphis Red Sox pitcher, is working with the Dodgers' farm club, the Nashua Dodgers, of New Hampshire.

Paige Draws Fines; Hurls Against Boston Red Sox

Daily World

Atlanta, Ga

BOSTON, (SNS)—Thundershowers that washed-out the games between the Cleveland Indians and New York Yankees at the Yankee Stadium, Friday, caused Satchel Paige to draw his first major league fines, Manager Lou Boudreau announced Saturday.

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After the heavy rain, Cleveland's crack relief Mound sensation failed to report to the Stadium, and was fined an unannounced sum for that infraction.

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Because of his failure to report to the Stadium, Paige also failed to learn that the Indians had changed plans for boarding a train for Boston for their crucial three-game series with the Boston Red Sox, Boudreau said. That "oversight" in missing the train cost Paige $50.

Paige later said, "I'll know better the next time."

Prior to his service on the mound in the final tilt with the Red Sox, Paige had permitted only two runs in a series of excellent relief chores since joining the Indians.

Dr. Martin Lauds Signing of Paige

The Afro-American

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Injured Larry Doby Back in Line-Up

CHICAGO — (ANP) — Dr. J. B. Martin, president of the Negro American League and owner of the American Giants, praised the Cleveland Indians for their signing of Satchel Paige to play in the American League last week. Dr. Martin said:

"It was most gratifying to learn that the Cleveland Indians had signed Satchel Paige. Satchel's pitching career can easily be considered one of the greatest in baseball history. Today, for three or four innings, I consider him the greatest of all.

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"The Indians will not regret the signing of Paige, for in my opinion, they will receive greater future results than they now possibly expect."

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The Indians made history last year when they signed Larry Doby of the Newark Eagles of the Negro National League as the first colored to play in the American League.

During the season Doby has earned a regular outfield berth after getting off to a slow start. He was returned to the lineup after a few days absence because of a twisted ankle.

WHAT THE PRESS SAYS

Baltimore, Md

The Afro-American

About Satchel Paige

A member of the staff of this newspaper recalls a game of baseball that Sachel Paige pitched in Parkersburg when he was a sophomore in college, which was more than two decades ago.

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Gordon Cobbledick, Plain Dealer sports editor and baseball expert, recalls a game Paige pitched against Dizzy Dean in 1934.

This is by way of dating the newly acquired pitcher for the Indians who, upon being queried regarding his age, declared "about 40 pretty soon."

It is the judgment of baseball experts who have seen Paige on the pitching mound that at his best, which might have been 15 or 20 years ago, Paige was one of the great pitchers of all time. Some of them believe he would have held his own easily in competition with the Johnsons and Alexanders had the big leagues been open to him in their day.

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It is not, however, for the purpose of securing a new starting pitcher that President Bill Veeck gave Paige a contract. It was rather in recognition of the fact that the Indians have needed this year, and are likely to continue to need a relief pitcher who has something on the ball and can keep the ball in the strike zone.

The trouble, we fear, will be that pitching only a few innings now and then Paige, who boasts that he has often pitched three full games in a day and in only comfortably warmed up after nine innings, will not be able to keep in condition on the most pitching fare Lou Boudreau has in mind for him.

We take Bill Veeck at his word when he says the signing of Paige was not a publicity stunt but an honest endeavor to strengthen the Indians for the last half of the season where they are likely to need help the most.

If by chance the prospect of seeing the veteran colored pitcher on the mound brings in a few thousand additional paying customers Veeck will manage somehow to do with that aspect of the arrangement. — Cleveland (Ohio) Plain Dealer.

DICK HERBERT, Raleigh, N.C. News and Observer: "Old Satchel Paige probably did more to open the door to the major leagues for Negro players than anyone else, and now he finally walks through that door himself. The strange part about it all is that Satchel is going to the big leagues probably because he is on the downgrade after years of being one of the best pitchers in the land.

"When Paige was at his peak there were no Negro players in the majors; but that didn't bother Old Satchel in the least. He was making from $40,000 to $50,000 a year outside the big leagues and knew he wouldn't get that much in them.

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"He never complained about the unwritten law which barred men of his race from playing in the majors. He didn't raise the slightest fuss about it, yet he was responsible for the growing agitation to let down the barriers.

". . . Satchel Paige is going into the big leagues as an old man in the baseball sense. It would have been something to have seen him 15 years ago facing the great batters of that time. He lost nothing in a financial way for being barred for so long, yet he probably gets some satisfaction of finally getting to the place which is the goal of all ball players.

ED BANG, Cleveland (Ohio) News: "At long last, President Bill Veeck and Manager Lou Boudreau, along with members of the Indians' board of strategy, came to the conclusion that Satchel Paige might be the man they have been looking for to step into the breach for one, two or three innings as the case might be, and stop opposing clubs cold. They watched the veteran colored right hander work out at the Stadium Wednesday and all were agreed he still had enough in his pitching repertoire to help the club.

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"Satchel has been around for a good many years. He admits to being 39 years old. I always figured him about 47 or 48. If he is close to the half century mark he certainly has been one of the slab marvels of all time for year in and year out he has wielded his pitching magic in colored baseball league games and on barnstorming trips, acquitting himself with such credit he has earned anywhere from $30,000 to $40,000 a year. You'll agree the guy must have something worthwhile to pull down that much hay.

The Afro-American

"I don't know whether the veteran Paige's efforts are going to be the target for boos and jeers in the home games to come. I have in mind baseball fans are human to the extent they will voice their disapproval as well as approval, but it's my guess Old Satch will prove himself to the point the cheers will be vociferous in the extreme and far exceeding any mild booing and jeering.

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"And, what's more to the point, having been around for a quarter of a century or more, Paige knows what it is all about, will take both boos and cheers in stride and give his last ounce of energy to prove the faith of Veeck, Boudreau & Co., in him has not been misplaced.

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"If Old Satch comes through and wins or stops the opposition as I think he will, the customers won't care a tinker's darn if he's 39 or 49."

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AT LAST!

Satchell Paige

Paige Was Bargain At Any Price

The Columbia Record Sat 8-21-48

Satchel Hurls Second Straight Shutout For Cleveland

Columbia S.C.

NEW YORK, Aug. 21—(AP)—No matter what President Bill Veeck gave Satchel Paige, the great Negro hurler, to sign with the Cleveland Indians earlier this season, he would be a bargain at twice the amount.

Satchel Paige

The lanky 44-year-old colorful righthander already has earned his keep, aside from the won and lost column. Last night's crowd of 78,382 was the largest ever to see a night game in major league history.

Paige shut out the Chicago White Sox, 1-0, for his second straight scoreless performance, and the American league-leading Indians' fourth straight whitewashing job.

This tied a league record first set by the Cleveland club of 1903 equalled by the New York Yankees in 1932. The major league mark is six consecutive scoreless games, set by the Pittsburgh Pirates.

The string of shutout innings pitched by Indian hurlers has reached 39, two short of the American League mark of 41 held by the 1903 Club.

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The Boston Red Sox climbed past the Philadelphia Athletics into second place sweeping a doubleheader from the Washington Senators, 5-4 and 10-4. The Athletics were beaten by the Yankees, 6-2, to drop into third place, three and a half games off the pace, and only one length in front of the Yankees.

Paige last night permitted only three safeties, walked one and fanned five.

The Indians scored their only run off southpaw Bill Wight in fourth inning, on singles by Manager Lou Boudreau, Ken Keltner and Larry Doby.

A crowd of 15,865 saw the Red Sox overcome a 4-1 deficit with three runs in the ninth and another in the 10th to win the opener from Washington 5-4. Vern Stephens clouted a three-run homer off Rae Scarborough with two out in the ninth to send the game into extra innings. Stan Spence, first Boston player to bat in the last of the tenth, blasted another homer off Scarborough to decide the game.

Home runs by Ted Williams, Bobby Doerr and Dom Di Maggio, the latter with the bases loaded, helped Jack Kramer register his 14th pitching triumph for the Red Sox in the second game. He has lost [illegible]

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Southpaw Ed Lopat pitched a six-hitter as the Yankees took the series opener from the Athletics in Philadelphia. It was his 12th victory. The Yankees chased Phil Marchildon after seven innings, collecting a dozen hits off him and Bubba Harris. Charley Keller batted in three runs for the victors. Pete Suder homered for the A's in the ninth.

Bob Dillinger hit a home run in the 10th inning to enable the St. Louis Browns to defeat the Tigers, 5-4, in Detroit.

The St. Louis Cardinals moved within half a game of the second place Brooklyn Dodgers and a game and a half of the National league leading Boston Braves when they defeated the Pittsburgh Pirates, 7-4.

A four-run sixth inning, highlighted by Don Lang's two-run single. Enabled the Cards to overcome an early Pittsburgh 4-2 lead.

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Andy Pafko cracked his 19th home run of the season and added a double and single to lead the Chicago Cubs to a 5-2 victory over the Cincinnati Reds. The victory cut the Reds' seventh place margin over the Cubs to one and a half games.

Rain caused postponement of the scheduled meetings between the Braves and Dodgers at Ebbets Field, and the Philadelphia Phillies and New York Giants at the polo grounds.

Ol' Satch Cost Just $55,000, Paper Figures

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Washington D.C.

Cleveland, Aug. 24 (AP).—The Cleveland News estimated today the Indians will pay $25,000 this year to Satchel Paige. In all, the newspaper said, he cost the Tribe $55,000.

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Quoting a "source close to the Cleveland club," the News said: Wed. 8-25-48

Paige was paid $10,000 to sign and gets $5000 a month. With three months' work this season that would come to $25,000.

In addition, the papperu went in, the Tribe paid the Kansas City Monarchs $15,000 for Paige's contract. Aother $15,000 went to Abe Saperstein of Chicago, general manager of the Negro National League, who for years handled Paige's bookings, the News said.

78,382 See Old Satch in 3-Hitter

Detroit Free Press

Sat 8-21-48

Tribe String Now 39 Runless Innings

CLEVELAND —(AP)— Ageless Satchel Paige shut out the Chicago White Sox with three hits as the league-leading Cleveland Indians triumphed, 1 to 0, before the largest night game crowd in major league history—a standing - room - only assemblage of 78,382.

Detroit Mich.

Paige's white-washing job was the fourth in a row turned in by a Cleveland pitcher. It tied an American League mark of four straight shutouts, set by the Cleveland club of 1903 and equaled by the New York Yankees in 1932.

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THE STRING of shutout innings pitched by Cleveland hurlers now totals 39, which is two short of the American League mark held by the Cleveland club of 1903.

The last run scored against Cleveland pitching was in the sixth inning of the first game of last Sunday's double-header with the White Sox at Chicago.

The shutout was Paige's second in a row. He blanked the White Sox with five singles while winning a 5 to 0 game in Chicago last Friday night.

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THE FABULOUS Negro hurler now has won all three of his major league starts and has a season record of five victories and only one loss.

A total of 201,829 customers have jammed their way into the stands to watch Paige in his three major league starts.

Satchel exhibited near-perfect control Friday night, walking only one batter and fanning five. Not a Chicago player reached third base and only two got as far as second base. Paige retired the side in order in six of the nine innings.

The Indians scored their only run off Southpaw Bill Wight in the fourth inning on singles by Manager Lou Boudreau, Ken Keltner and Larry Doby, the Indian's other Negro player.

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Attendance of 78,382 exceeded the previous major league night game crowd of 74,747 set by the New York Yankees and the Boston Red Sox in Yankee Stadium May 26, 1947.

The victory was the Indian's eighth in a row and enabled them to maintain a three-game lead over the Boston Red Sox, who moved into second place with a double victory over Washington as the Philadelphia Athletics lost a night tussle to the New York Yankees.

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Hodgin,rf	4	0	3	0	M'chell,lf	4	2	3	0
Lupien,1b	3	1	10	0	Clark,rf	3	1	1	0
Appl'g,3b	4	1	0	0	K'nedy,rf	0	0	0	0
Seerey,lf	3	1	1	0	B'dreau,ss	4	2	1	2
A.R'bs'n,c	3	0	4	0	E.Rb'n,1b	4	0	8	0
Philley,cf	3	0	2	0	K'tner, 3b	4	2	3	0
K'lway,2b	3	0	4	4	Doby,cf	4	1	4	1
M'aels,ss	3	0	0	6	B'dino,2b	3	0	2	4
Wight,p	3	0	0	0	Hegan,c	3	0	5	0
					Paige,p	3	0	0	2
Totals	29	3	24	10	Totals	32	8	27	9

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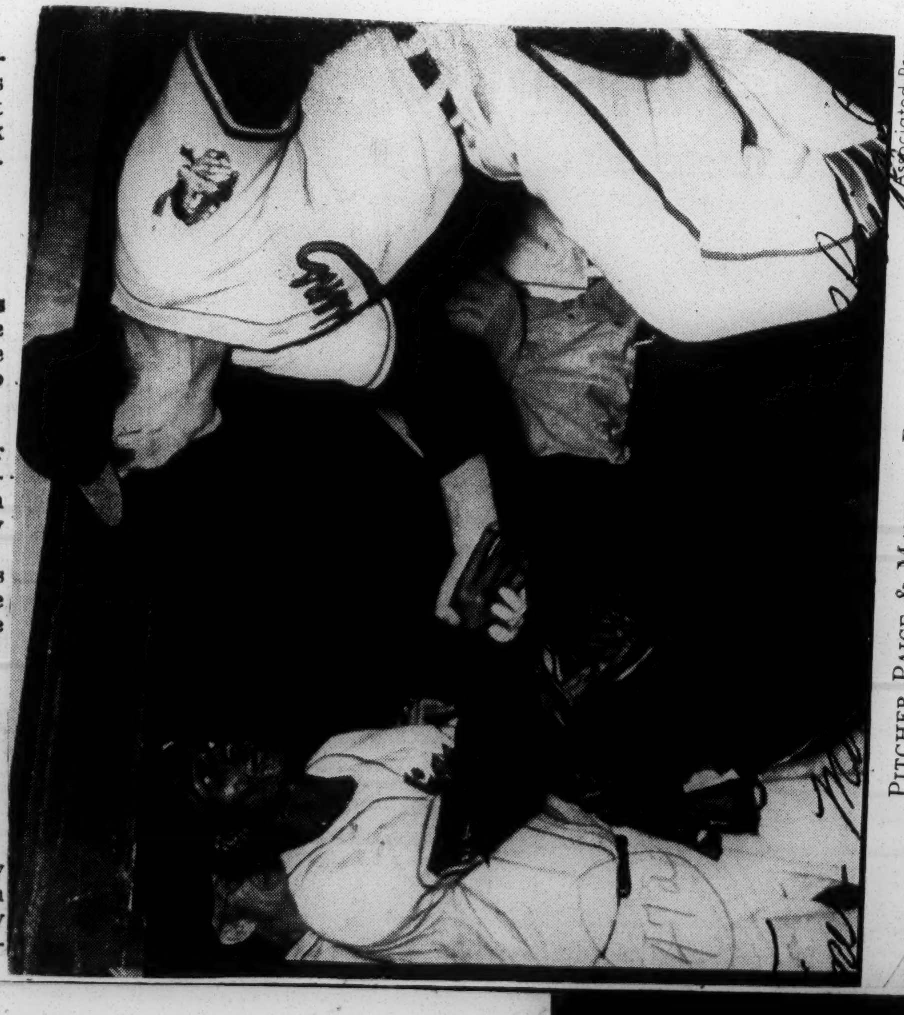
R—Boudreau. RBI—Doby. 2B—Lupien. LB—Chicago 3, Cleveland 8. BB—Wight 1, Paige 1. SO—Wight 4, Paige 5. Attendance—78,382.



Associated Press

PITCHER PAIGE & MANAGER BOUDREAU
With control.

Flag Fights

Time Mon 8-30-48

Old ~~Satchel~~ Paige took one long, pleased look at the 78,382 fans. Said Satch: "I should be working on percentage." The crowd that jammed Cleveland's Municipal Stadium last week was the largest in major-league night baseball. All Cleveland had come to see 1948's biggest drawing card pitch the league-leading Indians into their eighth straight victory.

Satchel, who might have ranked with such major-league greats as Mathewson, Walsh and Johnson had he been born white, and given a big-league chance before he was 44, was too good a showman to disappoint a crowd like that. Sticking mainly to his fast ball against the last-place Chicago White Sox, Paige worked with the kind of control that is almost a lost art among modern pitchers. He walked only one, struck out five, let only two runners get past first, won his fifth victory, 1-0.

Slender Lead. It was the fourth consecutive shutout by Manager Lou Boudreau's Indians, tying a league record set by Cleveland in 1903. What did Satch think of his performance? Said he, matter-of-factly: "I'm getting back in shape." But it would take more than Satch Paige in shape for Cleveland to clinch its first pennant in 28 years. The Indians promptly dropped three in a row to the White Sox, and hung precariously to their lead.

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DELAYED ACTION BOMB—For twenty years big leaguers who faced Leroy (Satchel) Paige in exhibitions insisted he was baseball's best pitcher. But old Satchel-Foot (size 14 shoe) toiled—for $40,000 a season—in the comparative obscurity of the Negro leagues. This summer the Cleveland Indians hired Paige and he became an instant big-league success. Well into his forties, he has been proposed as "Rookie of the Year."

Satch Becomes First Of His Race to Hurl In National Classic

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Pittsburgh Pa.

By ALBERT DUNMORE

Write down the names of Larry Doby and Satchel Paige as having played important roles in this history-making, record-breaking 1948 World Series. The youthful Doby, as the first Negro to represent an American League team in the national classic, definitely must be recognized as one of the hitting and fielding heroes, while old Satch—although seeing little action—became the first of his race to step on the pitching mound.

To both went the credit of marking up other firsts. Doby was the first to clout an extra base hit, a double in the second game in Boston and the first to hit a home run, a tremendous 400-foot drive over the right field fence that proved to be the winning run in the Indians 2 to 1 victory over Johnny Sain, Saturday.

Ol' Satch will go into the records as having committed the first balk of the series, not a commendable first, but he did retire the only two men to face him in that awful seventh inning that saw Boston get to three of his fellow moundmen for six runs.

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SATCH BRINGS CHEERS

Satch's appearance on the mound brought a tremendous ovation from the all-time record breaking crowd of 86,288. It was definitely the greatest ovation of the series. Many of the fans vocally expressing the thought that this was a historic occasion and made the series worthwhile seeing. That an opportunity was given this great veteran of many years on the exhibition trail to pitch in this greatest of sporting events.

Satch's balk was called when he wiggled his fingers before throwing the ball while a man was on base. He was warned about this after his first pitch, but did it again and allowed Stanky to advance from first to second. This did not prove to be serious as he retired the next man.

Doby, who is being recognized by every baseball expert as being one of the most promising young players in baseball, marked himself as being able to stand up under the pressure of this history-making series. He has been the batting star of the series and leads his mates in hitting. His fielding has also been close to sensational, although he has been credited with an error.

DOBY COMMITS ERROR

The error came in Sunday's game when he made a perfect throw to third base, but the ball reached the bag at the same time as Bob Elliott, who was sliding into the hot corner, hit the Braves hard-hitting third baseman and bounced into the Boston dugout, because Keltner failed to lay his glove on the ball. The play was recorded as an error on the throw. This peg was again evidence, however, that the young outfielder has one of the best arms in baseball for he was able to make the throw from centerfield with Elliott already started from second and yet the throw reached the base with the runner.

Up to Sunday's game Doby had hit successfully in each of the initial four games. Aside from his double and home run, he has hit three singles. He has driven in two runs and scored one. In the field he has accepted ten chances against the one error he committed. Several of these chances were quite difficult.

On Saturday he was forced to go back on a long line drive by Alvin Dark. In making a turn he slipped on the loose turf, kicking up a big clod, but he regained his footing and made a great, over-the-shoulder catch.

On another play Friday he made a perfect stab of a hit into centerfield by Eddie Stanky and held the hustling Braves second baseman to a single, where ordinary fielding would have enabled him to make two bases on the blow.

SPARKS WIN

There was no question about the fact that Doby's home run was directly responsible for the win Steve Gromek scored over the Braves, Saturday. The score was one to nothing when Larry poked the ball over the right field fence at the .380 mark. It was a tremendously high blow that sailed into the crowd standing behind the wire fence.

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Gromek gave up one run in later innings, but eased into victory on the margin of that home run.

Doby has been meeting the ball squarely and several of his blows would have been hits under ordinary circumstances. Friday he hit a hard drive down the first base line and the first baseman Frank McCormick was so stunned by the power of the drive that he barely collected himself in time to make the put out.

Spectators made this comment about Doby . . . that he looks good up there at bat, even when he is striking out. On his several strikeouts Doby took terrific slices at the ball and looked as if he connected the ball would go out of the park.

NEGROES TURN OUT

In both Boston and Cleveland Negro fans turned out en masse to see the series games and Doby has definitely captured the hearts of the American sporting public. He is continuously being compared to Jackie Robinson, Brooklyn's brilliant star. In the press box he is now being compared to Joe DiMaggio, the Yankee clipper and greatest centerfielder of them all. Many notice a similarity in the stance of the two players, although Doby bats from the left side of the plate, DiMaggio on the right.

There actually will not be an opportunity to compare the two since DiMag's sun is in the descendency, while Larry's is on the rise, but it is interesting to watch this young player shaping up so quickly as one of the truly great stars of the game.

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There is no doubt that he will be back next year a much improved player. There is still some doubt about Paige being resigned, but that will be another story on another day.

'I'M READY' says Satchel Paige, new Cleveland moundsman, to Pitcher Bob Feller, just before facing St. Louis Browns in fifth inning of Thursday night's game. Paige, who went to rescue of Bob Lemon, allowed two hits and no runs in the two innings he worked. He was lifted at the start of the seventh to allow Larry Doby, Cleveland's other Negro player, to single for him in a pinch hitting role.—International News photo.

Welcome, Satchel

Star, New York

The Cleveland Indians, sniffing their first American League pennant in 28 years, have just signed up Leroy (Satchel) Paige, who was a legend in Negro baseball when Jackie Robinson was in knee pants—and we don't mean the kind the Dodgers issue him.

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For Paige, it's belated recognition of one of the greatest pitching arms the game ever knew. Since 1928, he has been barnstorming the country and Caribbean countries, drawing huge crowds, collecting as much as $500 a game, and pitching, usually, three times a week. His yearly earnings are said to have run to $30,000 or more. His pitching feats are prodigious. For example, in 1943, he played with a club which won 104 out of 105 games, most, if not all of which Paige started. "There was one month in which I started 29 games," Paige recalls. It was in that year, too, that Paige in an exhibition game beat Dizzy Dean, then in his prime with the St. Louis Cardinals.

That Paige, at the ancient (for baseball) age of 39, finds himself in the big leagues is due, no doubt, to Branch Rickey's successful efforts to crack organized baseball's color ban in Robinson's case. But Rickey's crusade always seemed tainted by commercialism, as the exploitation of Robinson bears out.

On the face of it, it would look like no such motive inspires the Indians. Feller, Boudreau, Gordon and company are (at this writing) a game ahead of the Philadelphia Athletics, only 3½ ahead of our third place Yankees. The Indians need a good relief pitcher. Age, it seems, cannot wither nor custom stale the infinite variety of Paige's rubbery arm. Besides, he has faced and baffled most of today's sluggers including our own Joe DiMaggio.

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We have to be objective about the pennant race; may the best team win so long as its the Yankees—as the late Heywood Broun put it. But if it has to be the Indians, then may Manager Lou Boudreau's faith in Paige's ability, rather than commercial value, be justified. Then we'll know that color ban in organized baseball really has been broken down.

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Satchel's Arrival

Herald-Tribune

Times do change. Satchel Paige, the tall sycamore of Negro baseball, who may or may not have been the world's greatest pitcher, makes his delayed arrival in the big leagues, and the event stirs only a minor flurry on the sports pages. For the benefit of the erudite who plod more solemn orbits for the world's progress in human relations, Mr. Paige is a fabulous fellow who for twenty years or more labored outside the color line. This durable Alabamian, who seems to be a perpetual thirty-nine, met white competition frequently enough in exhibition games to establish that he was around the top in the great art of blazing a baseball. The Satchel was good enough to trim Dizzy Dean 1 to 0 in thirteen innings, and in a quiet moment Dizzy once commented that two such Olympians between them could turn in sixty winning games a year. Satchel, it should be added, thought they could do better than that.

New York 7-10-48

Paige or no Paige, the Negro was forbidden in polite and organized baseball. It was not a subject for discussion; silent evasion was the rule. As a commercial sport baseball year after year saw no need for change. Branch Rickey, to his immortal credit, took the big plunge, and installed young Jackie Robinson at Brooklyn last year. And Robinson, to the great pleasure of practically all, made good. The traditionalists no longer threw up their hands in horror. No walls tumbled, no stars fell. More Negroes were tried out; some stuck, some didn't, all on the basis of ability. Thus, in the late afternoon of his career, Paige is called to Cleveland at a pretty penny because Bill Veeck's first-place club needs a tough right-hander who can save games. The Satchel should have been there long ago, but better late than never. Here's to good pitching, Satchel.

Sun 7-9-48

SATCHEL PAIGE STEALS SHOW IN INDIANS'—DODGERS GREAT EXHIBITION CONTEST HERE

Cleveland Guide, Cleveland, Ohio

Packie Robinson, Roy Campanella, Larry Doby, and Satchel Paige Are 4 Negro Big Leaguers To Participate

Sat. 7-24-48

The 65, 922 persons, who came from near and far, and paid their hard cash money to see the Cleveland Indians lock horns with the Brooklyn Dodgers at Cleveland Stadium last Wednesday night, certainly got their money's worth, when the contest in the sixth inning bcame a 3-3 tie, and remained deadlocked until the 11 sssion, when the Indians gained another run to defeat the Dodgers, 4 to 3. 7-24-48

The customers saw a cagey old professional steal a show billed for the younger bloods.

They saw ole Satchel Paige, the ageless Alabaman, shuffle out of the bullpen in the seventh inning, face three batters in that inning and fan all three, then pitch to three more in the eighth and set them down with ease. Added to that, the old timer singled in his only time at bat.

They saw Jim Hegan line a single to center in the 11th inning that scored Joe Gordon from second base with the winning run that gave the Indians an even split in the home-and-home series ebtween the two clubs.

And they saw that singled smacked against Hugh Casey, the veteran relief artist for the Dodgers.

Paige Steals Show

But the show was clearly stolen by Paige, who took the mound amid a thunderous ovation and then proceeded to humiliate the National Leaguers. He threw only 12 pitches in that seventh inning. And 10 of his pitches were strikes.

Gil Hodges faced Paige first, swung at the first pitch, took a ball, then a strike and swung at the last. Irvin Palica, the rival pitcher, then swung in vain at three slow curves. The third man was Tom Brown who whiffed on five pitches.

Paiges didn't strike anybody out in the eighth, but he was just as effective. Eddie Miksis lifted an easy fly to left. Gene Hrmanski swung at a "hesitation pitch" and popped to Gordon and Marvin Rackley missed two offerings before he fouled to Hegan.

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The game started as a hitless pitching duel between Ed Klieman, the Indian's relief artist, who was starting his first ball game, exhibition or otherwise, in two years, and Irvin Palica, a rookie right hander. Neither pitcher gave up a hit in the first three innings.

After Larry Doby and Hank Edwards walked in the fourth, manager Lou Boudreau slammed a single to center the first hit of the game, and it scored Thurman Tucktr, running for Doby, from second.

The Dodgers tied the score in tht fifth on their first hit, a double to right center by Palica, scoring Roy Campanella from first, Klieman had walked Campanella, but struck out Carl Furillo and Gil Hodges before Palica's blow.

On a pair of doubles and a single the Indians took a two-run advantage in the fifth inning. Clark dropped a two-baggtr along the right field line and scored on a scorching liner to left by Eddie Robinson. Berardino ran for Robinson, was sachificed to second and driven home on a double by Dale Mitchtll.

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The rookie Rackley, a fleet-footed outfielder, stole 2nd base and scored as Roy Campanella, a freshman catcher and one of the four Negroes who participated, slashed a single to left field. In addition to Campanella, Doby and Paige, Jackie Robinson, the first Negro to enter the major leagues, also played.

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But the Major League teams were not the only attraction on the National Amateur Day card that brought toegther the only two "Big League" teams carrying Negro playtrs on their rosters.

In addition, there was that Class A game betwten the Bartuneks Clothiers, and the Winham Truckers.

Pouncing on Edgar (Special Dtlivery) Jones in the eighth inning for four of their eight hits and all three runs, the National Amateur Baseball Fedtration and Class A. champions defeated the Truckers, 3-1, to clinch the first-half titlt in the Plain Dealer trophy race.

Tht fact that 4 star Negro players were in the line-up of the two Major League tams, made the crowd the most amazing thing in amateur day history, surpassing by far the previous high of 24,413 in 1939. Whtn all returns are in the C. B. F. expects to realize about $90,000 orapproximately $60,000 more than at any time in the past. It included all rtceipts from the gate and concessions, less operational expensts.

When the Indians and the Dodgtrs played on the Brooklyn amateur day card, June 14, a turnout of only 12,622 was on hand.

But there is little doubt that the American League-leading Indians and the National Lague Dodgers were the big attraction. It was Brooklyn's first appearance here since the 1920 World Series.

Ceremonies Brief

The ceremonies were short. Max Rosenblum presented a plaque intended for Indians' prexy Bill Veeck, who was in Chicago visiting his mother. It was accepted by Hank Greenberg.

Runs—Tucker, Gordon, Clark, Berardino, Miksis, Rackley, Campanella. Errors—Gordon, Whitman, Palica.

Runs batted in—Boudreau, Robinson, Mitchell, Rackley, Campanella, Hegan, Palica. Two-base hits—Palica, Clark, Mitchell, Boudreau 2. Stolen base&Rackley. Sacrifice—Hegan. Double plays—Reiser, Miksis to Hodges; Boudreau to Berardino. Left on bases—Brooklyn 4, Cleveland 8. Bases on balls—Klieman 3, Palica 2, Black 1, Casey 1. Struck out—Palica 6, Klieman 2, Paige 3, Beardon 3, Casey 1. Hits—Palica, 5 in 6; Casey, 4 in 5; Klieman, 1 in 5; Black, 3 in1;Paige, 0 in 3. Winner—Bearden. Loser—Casey. Umpires—Paparella and Berry. Time 2:35.

Pitch-by-Pitch of Satchel's Second Win

Afro American

Sat 8-21-48

Baltimore Md

CHICAGO—Here is the play-by-play account of the game as Satchel Paige pitched the Cleveland Indians back into first place in the American League on the wings of a 5-0 shutout victory over the Chicago White Sox:

FIRST INNING

CLEVELAND — Kolloway threw out Mitchell. Peek flied to Philley. Boudreau lined to Hodgin. NO RUNS, NO HITS.

CHICAGO — Kolloway bounced out to E. Robinson. Lupien lifted to Doby. Appling singled to center. Seerey struck out. NO RUNS, ONE HIT.

SECOND INNING

CLEVELAND — Kolloway threw out E. Robinson. Gordon singled to center. Doby forced Gordon, Kolloway to Michaels and when Michaels threw the relay into the Indians' dugout. Doby went to second on the error. Keltner flied to Seerey. NO RUNS. ONE HIT, ONE ERROR.

CHICAGO — A. Robinson fouled to E. Robinson. Hodgin lined to Doby. Philley fouled to E. Robinson. NO RUNS, NO HITS.

THIRD INNING

CLEVELAND — Hegan flied to Philley. Paige flied to Philley. Mitchell grounded out to Lupien. NO RUNS, NO HITS.

CHICAGO — Michaels popped to Gordon. Gumpert lined to Keltner. Kolloway flied to Mitchell. NO RUNS, NO HITS.

FOURTH INNING

CLEVELAND — Peck fouled to Appling. Boudreau singled to right. E. Robinson singled to right, sending Boudreau to third. Gordon into a double play, Michaels to Kolloway to Lupien. NO RUNS, TWO HITS.

CHICAGO — Lupien flied to Doby. Appling fouled to Hegan. Boudreau threw out Seerey. NO RUNS, NO HITS.

FIFTH INNING

CLEVELAND — Doby tripled to the left center field wall. Keltner struck out. Hegan flied to Seerey, Doby scoring after the catch. Paige struck out. ONE RUN, ONE HIT.

CHICAGO — A. Robinson and Hodgin flied to Mitchell. Philley singled to right. Paige tossed out Mitchaels. NO RUNS, ONE HIT.

SIXTH INNING

CLEVELAND — Kolloway threw out Mitchell. Peck flied to Hodgin. Boudreau grounded out. Kolloway to Lupien. NO RUNS, NO HITS.

CHICAGO — Gumpert singled to left. Kolloway sacrificed, Paige to Gordon. Lupien flied to Peck. Boudreau threw out Appling. NO RUNS, ONE HIT

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SEVENTH INNING

CLEVELAND — E. Robinson grounded to Lupien. Gumpert threw out Gordon. Doby lined to Philley. NO RUNS, NO HITS.

CHICAGO — Seerey lined to Boudreau. A. Robinson flied to Peck who backed against the wall to make the catch. Hodgin was safe on Gordon's fumble. Philley popped to Boudreau. NO RUNS, NO HITS, ONE ERROR.

EIGHTH INNING

CLEVELAND — Keltner singled to left. Hegan sacrificed, Appling to Lupien. Kolloway threw out Paige, Keltner moving to third. Mitchell singled to left. Scoring [illegible] singled to right, sending Mitchell to third, but was out trying to stretch the hit, Hodgin to Michaels. ONE RUN, THREE HITS.

CHICAGO — Michaels flied deep to Mitchell. Wright batted for Gumpert and bounced out, Keltner to E. Robinson, Kolloway popped to Boudreau. NO RUNS, NO HITS.

NINTH INNING

CLEVELAND — Moulder now pitching for Chicago. Boudreau singled to right. E. Robinson grounded to Kolloway, who made a wild throw to second in an attempt to force Boudreau, Boudreau reaching third and E. Robinson taking second. Gordon flied deep to Philley, Boudreau scoring and E. Robinson taking third after the catch. Doby singled to left, scoring E. Robinson. Keltner flied to Philley. Doby stole second. Hegan was purposely passed. Doby and Hegan worked a double steal and when A. Robinson threw into left fiield, Doby scored and Hegan went to third. Moulder tossed out Paige. THREE RUNS, TWO HITS, TWO ERRORS.

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CHICAGO — Lupien popped to Boudreau. Appling singled to left. Seerey singled to left, Appling stopping at second. A. Robinson bounced to E. Robinson. Hodgin flied to Mitchell. NO RUNS. TWO HITS.

Paige Stars as Indians Win

Afro American

Sat 9-4-48

WASHINGTON

Satchel Paige went all the way and hurled the Cleveland Indians to a 10-1 victory over the Washington Senators in a night game here, Monday.

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A sellout crowd witnessed the game and some 4,000 others were turned away. Paige, using his famed hesitation pitch, held the Senators down with only 6 hits. The Indians garnered 13.

Paige Wins 1st In Relief As Indians Beat A's Twice

Courier Journal, Louisville, Ky.

Fri. 7-16-48

Red Sox Overcome Tigers 13-5 and 3-1; Nats Tip Chisox 4-1; Yanks Trip Browns 4-2

Philadelphia, July 15 (AP)—Ageless Satchel Paige scored his first major league victory tonight as the league-leading Cleveland Indians swept a double header from the Philadelphia Athletics 6-1 and 8-5. Ken Keltner's 21st home run in the eighth inning broke a 5-5 tie in t ehsecond game and enabled Cleveland to increase its first place margin to 2½ games. 37,684 saw the Negro hurler, who has been pitching since most of the present day fans were in knee pants, relieved Bob Lemon in the sixth inning and limit the A's to three hits and two runs.

The Cleveland jinx hung like a pall over Shibe Park as the Indians won their 10th game in 13 starts against the A's.

BLOW LEAD

The A's took a 2-0 lead on Lemon in the third inning of the nightcap as Dick Fowler singled, Barney McCosky walked, Ray Coleman beat out an infield hit, Hank Majeski walked and Joe Gordon booted Elmer Valo's roller.

Cleveland made its first hit off Fowler in the fourth and scored a run as Manager Lou Boudreau drove home Dale Mitchell. Jim Hegan's sixth home run, a single by Lemon and double by Mitchell gave the Indians a 3-2 margin in the fifth.

The Indians continued to peck away at Fowler, picking up one run in the sixth and another in the seventh. Meanwhile, Paige had come on to put down Athletic rally that netted a single run in the sixth.

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PECK AWAY

With two away in the seventh, Ferris Fain doubled high on the right field wall and Hank Majeski smashed a Paige pitch onto the left field pavilion roof to tie the score. It was the little third sacker's ninth of the season.

Fowler, seeking his ninth victory of the year, couldn't stand prosperity and promptly was belted for a home run by Keltner in the eighth.

Cleveland added two runs in the ninth on a triple by Mitchell and Larry Doby's seventh home run of the year over the right field wall. 7-16-48

In the first game Cleveland rallied for four runs in the fifth inning to win 6-1.

Satchel Paige

Doerr Gets 16th Homer

Lefty Mel Parnell knocked in two runs with a double while pitching the Boston Red Sox to a 3-1 win over the Detroit Tigers in the floodlighted half of a day-night doubleheader tonight before a 33,892 crowd. A 14,403 throng saw the Sockers trounce the Tigers, 13-5, in the sunlight.

Righthander Dizzy Trout, striving for his 10th win, limited the Sockers to four hits but they bunched three of them, all two baggers, in the third inning for all of their scoring. Wally Moses opened that frame by drawing a pass and Matt Batts, Parnell and Johnny Pesky followed with extra base drives.

The lone Detroit tally of the speedy 82-minute game was made in the fourth, when Eddie Lake lashed a two-bagger and Hoot Evers singled. George Vico opened the fifth session with a triple to center but Parnell set down Bob Swift, Trout and Johnny Lipon in order.

Before the earlier paying crowd, the Sockers bunched most of their 12 hits against four Tiger hurlers for a paid of three run rallies and a seven-run explosion in the seventh inning. Jack Kramer gave he Tigers 13 hits, including Wakefield's fifth homer, while chalking up his 10th win and his eighth in a row.

Bobby Doerr belted his 16th homer, his seventh this month, against afternoon starter Fred Hutchinson with Dom DiMaggio and Junior Stephens on base.

Wendell Smith's
Sports Beat

The Courier

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BOSTON—When Satchel Paige was signed by the Cleveland Indians this summer it meant that big league baseball had, more or less, reconciled itself to the inevitable—that the barrier against the Negro player was definitely down. If that hadn't been true, Bill Veeck, president of the Indians, wouldn't have signed him. But the pioneering by Jackie Robinson and Larry Doby had been so successful, Veeck believed he could risk the likes of an eccentric and sometimes show-off Satchel Paige.

So the man with the slim torso and whip-like arm was signed and he went on to win six games against one loss and practically clinched the flag for Cleveland. They needed a pitcher who could win at the time he was signed, and Satch', according to the records, was the only one they could find. Consequently, everyone concerned, emotionally or officially, with the Cleveland club, is grateful to him. Satch' has been a bronze gold mine to the Indians.

Pittsburgh, Pa.

That is a pleasant picture and we are only too happy to describe it to you. It is always nice to report cheerful, successful stories. People like to read them and we like to write them.

The Inside Story on Satchel

But there is another side of the Satchel Paige story which isn't as pleasing to the eyes of the critics as it should be. It is a story that can have major repercussions and fatal effects on the future of the Negro player in the majors.

There are many bad stories circulating about Paige and his off-the-field conduct. We are not in a position to verify or deny these rumors. We're just giving them to you as we heard them in Cleveland last week and the "exclusive" little whispers we received from sportswriters aboard the special press train from Cleveland to Boston last Sunday night.

All good newspapermen look upon indicating rumors as nothing more than trite items which should be dismissed immediately, as the work of gossip mongers, but when they are so consistent you must say to yourself: "Where there's smoke, there's fire."

And, right now there is plenty of smoke around Satchel Paige.

Since he joined the team, Satchel has been fined twice. According to the way we hear it, he has been fined once for not showing up at the park on time, and another time for being twenty minutes late when the team embarked for the play-off game with the Boston Redsox.

It is also common gossip that Satch' has had little regard for the curfew at night and has been late too many times arriving at the ball park.

Those infringements, plus a number of others we hesitate to reveal, have, according to reliable sources, put him in Lou Boudreau's doghouse.

Boudreau Denies All Rumors

Boudreau denies that particular rumor. **He says he didn't use Satch' in that last desperate pennant drive because** he couldn't find the "right spot" for him.

He says everything's okay and he has nothing against **Paige.** But from very good sources we hear that Mr. **Veeck is not too pleased with the way Satchel has been acting and he may take some drastic action now that the season is over.**

We hope that isn't true. We hope Satch' will be signed

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again next season and that he'll go on to even greater glory than he has enjoyed down through the years. In our book he's always been a good guy. He's done as much as anyone in this fight for Negro players in the majors. The fact that he wasn't signed years ago when he really had it, made him a martyr and thousands out of sheer sympathy for him joined the fight for Negro players in the big leagues.

Everything's happened to Satchel in baseball that is possible. He's been a pitching vagabond for years, traveling across the country and back again, to South America and up in the northern wastelands. He's finally made the majors and was lucky enough to be with a pennant winning ball club. His reward has come a bit late, perhaps, but nevertheless he's being paid well now for his past experiences. At long last baseball is being good to Satchel Paige. He's now getting his just desserts.

We hope he'll be as good to baseball now as baseball is being to him.

If nothing else, we hope he will at least be discreet . . . For there are a lot of little Satchel Paiges on their way up.

Fifth Game Most Exciting

The fifth game of the series was the most explosive. The others were dull. So much so that Joe Louis threw in the towel Saturday night and took a plane to New York . . . Two other fighting champions were on hand, Ray (Sugar) Robinson and Ike Williams . . . The sporting fraternity turned out in Cleveland. Among those on hand for the big games in the Lake City were: Charley Glenn and his Mrs. from Chicago; Woogie Harris, Pittsburgh; Sonny Wilson, Detroit; Kyah Sayles, New York; Chink Cunningham and Carl Maxwell, New York; and Marshall Miles, Joe Louis' manager, from Buffalo, N. Y.

Others who jammed the lobby of the Majestic Hotel were: Winston Howard and Charley Cole, owners of Chicago's Pershing Hotel; Mrs. Effa Manley of the Newark Eagles; B. B. Martin, boss of the Memphis Redsox; J. B. Martin, Chicago American Giants; Sonnyman Jackson, owner of the Homestead Grays; Bill Graham, president of the Joe Louis Punch Company; Ernie Wright of Erie, Pa., who owns the Cleveland Buckeyes; Sonny Barnett, soda pop salesman; Jack Marshall of Chicago, and Ted Paige of Pittsburgh, both ex-baseball stars and now bowling alley proprietors and many, many others.

The press covered it like the dew covers Dixie. Among the famous writers were: Bill Corum, Bob Considine, Dan Parker, Warren Brown, Grantland Rice, Frank Graham and Dave Egan.

When the two teams left Boston after the second game, Leonard Reed, Joe Louis' secretary, was in the station making book on Satch' Paige. The train was an hour and half late leaving, and Reed was giving odds at 60 to 1 that Paige would miss it. There were no takers, good thing too. Satchel made it. He arrived in the custody of Manager Lou Boudreau.

Tribe May Drop Paige in '49; Officials Mum

Afro American

Sat. 10-16-48

By SAM LACY
AFRO Sports Editor

Baltimore

CLEVELAND—Satchel Paige will not be back with the Cleveland Indians next year!

There is no authority for this statement, no official word from anyone considered high in the Cleveland baseball organization.

But there is every indication that the former star of the Negro American League is finished as a major league player.

While tribe authorities have said nothing in public that would suggest Paige is deep in the doghouse and not likely to be let out, it is a virtual certainty that he is not being counted in the champions' 1949 plans. Nor for that matter was he considered an important factor in their strategy for the recently closed World Series.

Escapades Rumored

Persistent rumors in this city have linked Satchel with numerous escapades not regarded as proper for a major league baseball player.

There have been strong hints that club officials believe he has failed to observe training regulations, and that his off-time decorum has, at times, been highly questionable.

The matter is an extremely delicate one since neither President Bill Veeck, Manager Lou Boudreau Trainer Lefty Weisman nor others in authority, will comment on the subject.

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Noticeable, however, is the manner in which both Veeck and Boudreau have taken an "about face" in their attitude toward the stellar flinger.

Not Used During Season's End

Where both once were outspoken in their praise of The Satchel, and Veeck so much as challenged the entire baseball-writing fraternity on his wisdom (or lack of it) in signing the aging star, neither now wants to be quoted concerning either his value to the present team or his future with the club.

It is common knowledge that Boudreau did not use Paige—as starter or relief pitcher—through the last three weeks of the season. Yet, during August the Lean One had started three games, winning two with impressive performances.

In the late stages of the campaign, Paige, despite a 6-1 record, was the forgotten man.

Asked by this writer why he had apparently cooled off on the ex-Kansas City Monarch ace, Boudreau on Sept. 24, asserted:

"Satch is okay. I'm simply holding him for relief work. He's the best in the business at that, and it is very comforting to a manager to know he has somebody like Paige in the bullpen to stop any trouble that comes up."

Still Ignored

However, trouble came up. Not once but several times. And finally, it came up often enough to force the Indians into a playoff game with the Boston Red Sox. Still Boudreau didn't call on Satchel.

Lately, each time the question "What's wrong with Paige?" has been put to the Tribe pilot, the answer has been a curt, "Nothing!"

Several writers have tried to pry from Lou some reason for the obvious estrangement, but as far as can be determined none has gotten to first base.

Veeck Mum Too

Veeck likewise is non-committal. The effervescent Cleveland boss dismisses all questions pertaining to Paige with a slight nod in the direction of the Indians' bench and says: "Lou's the manager. I think his pitching selection have been pretty good." He won't be pressed further.

At the same time, neither Veeck nor Boudreau has ever shown reluctance to discuss Larry Doby. Lou's final remark at the club's victory celebration the night the Indians won the American League flag, paid tribute to the ex-Newark Eagles' luminary.

Praise for Doby

"Hegan and Doby made this ball club," declared Boudreau. "It was the great improvement made by this pair that transformed what may have been a fourth place club into a pennant winner.

Veeck concurred in everything his manager said and added, "They've paid off handsomely and watch Doby later on."

Paige has made no secret of the fact that he is disgruntled.

It is general knowledge that he was fined in the Tribe's second Eastern swing because he failed to report to the park for a rained-out game in Washington, and later missed the train leaving Washington for Boston.

Tardiness Hurt

Several times since then, it is reported, Satchel's tardiness has held up train departures, the most notable occuring on the Indians' Oct. 3rd trip to Boston for the playoff game.

When the announcement was made 10 days ago that Satchel was this winter which may end his playing career, the AFRO questioned him concerning it.

The tall pitcher scoffed at the report and charged that it was a scheme to explain why the Indians haven't been using him.

Blames Favoritism

"Boudreau just wanted to let Feller and Lemon win 20 games," Paige averred. "He just did everything he could to let 'em do it, that's why they had to go to Boston for that extra game.

"Ain't nothing the matter with me. That's just their excuse 'cause the people been calling in and writing to know what's wrong with me. They had to say something, so they said I am sick. Ain't nothing wrong with me a little pitching won't cure."

It has been noticeable that Boudreau has refrained from working Paige even in the bullpen. And his relief work from Sept. 20 was confined to two-thirds of an inning of the hopelessly lost fifth World Series game.

Signing Criticized

When Satchel was signed by the Indians in July at the behest of Abe Saperstein, who, incidentally, had a personal financial interest in the pitcher, there were many in colored baseball who openly criticized the move.

Most of these observers felt that Paige could pitch major league baseball. But they were almost unanimous in expressing doubts as to his ability to mend his ways, ways that were set in his long practice of doing as he pleased in colored baseball.

For sometime it has been known that Satchel was not popular with his teammates. Cleveland baseball writers in August openly challenged top club officials to explain why his 5-hit shoutout against the Chicago White Sox, for example, was virtually ignored by the rest of the players.

Cognizance was taken of the fact that not a single player took pains to congratulate him on his feat, despite the fact the victory put the Tribe temporarily back in first place.

OTHER PAPERS SAY:-

JIM CROW HAD FRIENDS

By Red Smith

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Chicago Def.

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A CURIOUS sort of hullabaloo has been aroused by Branch Rickey's disclosure that when he went into the ring against Jim Crow he found fifteen major-league club owners working in Jim's corner. It is strange that the news should stir excitement, for surely it couldn't have come as a surprise to any one.

At the time Rickey signed Jackie Robinson for Montreal, anybody who knew anything about baseball was aware that a Jim Crow law did exist in the game, although baseball men never had the courage to put it in writing. And after Robinson was signed, open opposition to his presence continued until publication of the news stories which killed the projected player strike against him last summer. . . .

Before Robinson Was Born

Well, no matter. A year ago, Rickey was weaving and ducking and bobbing in an effort to elude people who wanted to have him stuffed and mounted as a prime specimen of tolerance. He insisted he was not interested in Robinson as a black man or a member of an underprivileged race and that his purpose in signing Jackie was not, as described in Authur Mann's song, to "triumph over prejudice and the excess profits tax."

"I want ball players," he said. "I don't care if they're purple or green and have hair all over them and arms that reach down to their ankles, just so they can beat the whey out of the Cardinals and win a World Series."

That was his story, and it was as good as any except for the technicality that it wasn't true. Here is the truth, and this hasn't been pulished, either.

In 1903 when Rickey was baseball coach at Michigan, he had a Negro named Charley Thomas on the squad. The first trip the boy made was to South Bend, Ind., where the hotel management declined to let him register. Rickey blamed himself for not having had the foresight to brief the kid in advance, preparing him for such experiences.

Rickey and the team captain were sharing a suite. When Branch learned of Thomas's difficulties, he hurried down and asked whether the management would let Thomas move into the suite. This was agreed, provided Thomas didn't register, and all three retired to their quarters.

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There Was Charley Thomas

Upstairs, Rickey and the captain got to talking. Thomas sat on the edge of Rickey's bed with his head low, so that his face was concealed. When Branch tried to draw him into the conversation, the boy lifted his head. He was crying. He was wringing his hands between his knees, twisting the hands.

"It's these," the kid said, lifting his fingers as though trying to pull the skin off.

Rickey didn't understand.

"They're black," the kid said.

"It's my skin," the kid said. "If it wasn't for my skin, I wouldn't be any different from anybody."

"My hands," the kid said. "They're black. If they were only white!"

Rickey said, "Tommy, the day will come when they won't have to be white."

That was forty-five years ago. It was forty-three years before Rickey found the right time and the right place and the right guy in Jackie Robinson. In those years Rickey has gone a lot of places and done a lot of things and been pictured in many lights. He may be all the things they have called him—a rush of wind in an empty room, a glib horse-trader, a specious orator, a coon-shouting revivalist.

He has been described, in purest Brooklynese and with faithful accuracy, as a "man of many facets—all turned on."

Branch Rickey's Amazing Expose Of Sports Bias

Journal Guide

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BRANCH RICKEY'S blunt revelation of the closed guild attitude of organized baseball to the use of colored players was a bold and, for the record, a useful thing to do. It is doubtful that it will help too much the effort to integrate Negroes into major league baseball to a larger extent. It is just not human for the men who control the destiny of baseball and the decisions on employing Negro stars to undergo so embarrassing an expose. However, RICKEY did a courageous and in some ways a thoroughly constructive act. It is certain to have a prophylactic effect, but it won't make him any too popular with the baseball moguls.

The amazing thing about the revelation of the 15 to one vote of the team owners against hiring ROBINSON was the revelation of their lack of business acumen. If these men could not foresee the crowd appeal that a high class athlete such as ROBINSON would have, and the increased attendance resulting therefrom, they are not as astute as their positions would suggest. The only explanation is that they let their prejudices or their mistaken fear of adverse public reaction override their better business judgment.

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Whatever the motivations for the ugly picture of directors of a democracy's national sport denying, or seeking to deny any qualified high class athlete a chance to make good, it leaves a bad taste in the mouth of any fair-minded person. It is fortunate for the self-respect of decent Americans and for the esteem with which this country needs to be held in a world trying frantically to throw itself into the maelstream of another war that baseball had a BRANCH RICKEY to offer an earned chance to a JACKIE ROBINSON.

Whatever may be the general reaction to the "wisdom" of Mr. RICKEY'S strictures of his baseball colleagues, he is entitled to a vote of thanks for his courage and fairmindedness. Because of his high caliber of human decency this country has one less debt in its ledger of our efforts to justify the faith of the founding fathers that somewhere upon this earth there are a people who not only profess that all men are created equal and are entitled to equal opportunities to enjoy the benefits of a democratic society, but have the courage of that conviction.

Behind The Headlines

Branch Rickey And His Actions Regarding Jackie Robinson

Journal Guide

By GEORGE W. BLOUNT

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NOTWITHSTANDING all the verbal storm and misunderstanding and misinterpretation to the contrary in the air at present in the world of sports, the facts remain that what Branch Rickey has done and is doing in baseball is exactly what should be done in many other fields of endeavor wherever Negroes are concerned if there were more courageous leaders to champion the cause. The times and attitudes have changed and are changing and there are many more overdue yet to come.

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Jackie Robinson has made good in baseball purely on the basis of his ability and intelligence and training as an athlete and baseball player, and that is exactly as it should be.

Not since the days of Abraham Lincoln has any one or two men caused the public spotlight to be focused so intensely on Jim Crow and on so broad a scale as these two men have done in the world of sports.

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THERE ARE AT WORK in the North, South, East, and West—schools, colleges, and universities with their mixed or bi-racial faculties, and trustees as well as the racial, inter-racial and inter-cultural organizations but up to now neither of them seems to have been able to land a solar-plexus or body blow sufficiently effective to send the nefarious Jim Crow to the canvas until the bell rings.

Unlike Mr. Milquetoast, the timid soul, Rickey and Robinson have already with neatness and dispatch done effectively some of the things without much pussyfooting or timorousness that these organizations set out years and years ago to do but have not done to date.

It is freely admitted that all such organizations, large and small, have done and are still doing a lot of excellent work in their way but it appears at times that they have reached a stalemate. Many of such organizations seem unable to get beyond the first base or second base and in some instances to third base before the umpires wave them out of the effective running.

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And after considerable staggering, line-plunging, ducking, dodging, bobbing up and down here and there, zigzagging, and hip-swiveling, some of these organizations seem unable to advance the ball of "Brotherly Love" beyond the midfield Jim Crow stripe.

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RICKEY AND ROBINSON are Dodgers of baseball but they are not dodgers of Jim Crow. They have demonstrated admirably that they can take it and they are taking it but they are not taking it lying down.

Some white Americans are more vociferous in their theory and preaching than they are in their practicing that—"All men are brothers." That truth is written in the facts of life and in the faith of all benign religions—but it is to be doubted seriously that the white Americans' category includes their colored brothers.

This is the perennial season in which we usually write a great deal about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln and the humane things they stood for. By now the names of these men are like a goodly number of other mythical and historical characters which have become formulas or symbols around which is written a great deal of wishful thinking and many truths which are not necessarily true and applicable as of today.

There is only one race upon the earth and that is the human race. Men are brothers in body. The organs and functions of the body are the same. The blood in the veins of men everywhere is the same; no one has been able to detect any difference.

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MEN ARE BROTHERS IN MIND. Socrates made that discovery—one of the greatest ever made—that when the great men of all races think about the basic issues of life, they arrive at the same basic conclusions or truths. From this fact it may be inferred that at bottom, as in its heights, the human mind is one.

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Men are brothers in spirit. The high faith of all races should be one. Each personality is an end in itself; justice is the basis of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; love is its saving power; brotherhood is its crown; and a beloved community is its goal.

"The universe is a commonwealth," said Cicero.

"The men of the seas are kinsmen," commented Confucius.

"Arise, tune the harp of brotherhood," Iphal added.

Thus all great souls should join in one symphony of fraternity.

The state of the world is as it is at present because of bigotry, hatred, greed, selfishness, jealousy, suspicion, etc. Because man will not admit his brotherhood; will not live and let live; much less live and help live. An excellent example is "white supremacy" as practiced by some white Americans. They feel that they must dominate their colored brothers, keep them in their places, exploit them, rule or ruin them, murder or lynch them if they feel so inclined.

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SLOWLY—OH, SO SLOWLY—the white man is learning that the injury of one American, white or Negro, is the injury of all Americans; that injustice backfires; that no man, no klan, not even the Ku Klux Klan can be happy and free alone. How blind are they who do not and will not see that if they live by fear, and not by faith, life ends in an endless feud; and that to deny the rights and freedoms of Negroes and other minority groups or races is finally to lose their own.

Yet in every age, there have been in one camp men and women—sensitive, brave, gentle, wise, self-spending—who cannot endure injustice and brutality.

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Meanwhile, there are in another camp others who do not care what happens just so long as it does not happen to them and theirs here and now. But the first group does care. And it is the men and women of both races who care most that count most effectively; they are the ones who help lift the common man or the man farthest down to higher levels.

Abraham Lincoln lent a helping hand in that direction. Of course, Lincoln knew then as well as you and I know now that, the brotherhood of man depends upon the manhood of the brother. And he knew, also, that we do not make any man more of a man by hating him, by robbing him of his freedoms and his rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness on equal terms with all others on a larger scale regardless of race, creed, or color. Rickey and Robinson have demonstrated this on a smaller scale.

Federal Church Council to Give Scroll to Rickey

Dodgers' President To Be Honored for His Stand Against Discrimination

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N.Y. N.Y.

By Nellie Gardner

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Branch Rickey, president of the Brooklyn Dodgers, will receive a scroll of citation from the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America at its biennial meeting this week in Cincinnati, it was learned yesterday.

The Rev. Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, general secretary of the Federal Council, said in an interview in his office at 297 Fourth Avenue, that this scroll—the first such—is being presented to Mr. Rickey in appreciation of his strong stand against racial discrimination, shown by his signing Jackie Robinson as a member of the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947. M. Robinson was the first Negro player admitted to major league baseball.

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Dr. Cavert said that the scroll will be presented to Mr. Rickey on Thursday evening in the Taft Auditorium by Charles P. Taft, of

Wins Churchmen's Citation

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Branch Rickey

Cincinnati, retiring president of the Federal Council.

The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, which includes twenty-two Protestant denominations and three Eastern Orthodox church bodies, will celebrate its fortieth anniversary at this week's biennial meeting in Cincinnati, Dr. Cavert said. The meeting will open Wednesday morning in the Hotel Gibson and end Friday evening. More than 500 Protestant leaders of the United States and Canada are expected to attend.

What the churches should do about juvenile delinquency, human rights, displaced persons, and international justice and world order are among the subjects which will be discussed, Dr. Cavert said. He said that several last-minute changes in the program had become necessary.

John Foster Dulles, acting chairman of the United States delegation to the General Assembly of the United Nations in Paris, and John Leighton Stuart, American Ambassador to China, who had been scheduled as speakers at the Thursday evening public meeting in the Taft Auditorium, cabled Dr. Cavert, a few days ago, that pressure of business would make it impossible for them to come to Cincinnati.

Dr. Calvert has received by air mail from China the manuscript of the address which Ambassador Stuart expected to deliver before the Federal Council and this will be read during the three-day meeting. Substitutions for the Thursday night program, Dr. Cavert said yesterday, will include an address by the Rev. Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, professor of Applied Christianity at the Union Theological Seminary, New York, and the showing of the Julien Bryan documentary film on displaced persons in Europe.

Charles P. Taft, who was elected fourteenth president of the Federal Council of Churches at the last biennial meeting, Dec. 5, 1946 in Seattle, Wash., and who is the first layman ever elected to this office, will deliver his presidential address Thursday evening and retire from office on Friday, when his successor will be elected.

There is strong support among the delegates, it has been learned, for the election of the Rev. Dr. John S. Stamm, of Harrisburg, Pa., Bishop of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, to the office of president. Bishop Stamm is now ending his two-year term as vice-president of the Federal Council, and his successor in this office will also be elected Friday.

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John Richey

In This Corner...

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By Bill Mardo

Interviewing PCL Jimcrow Buster

Thurs 3-18-48

WITH JACKIE ROBINSON heading into his third year of organized baseball, the signing of Negro talent no longer evokes the big-sized headlines although we'd settle for more of the headlines and less of the double-talk on the part of all other major league owners except Ricky and Cleveland's Bill Veeck. But because of the democratic trend in baseball some of you may have missed the news of John Ritchey, 22-year old catcher recently signed by the San Diego Padres and the first Negro in the Pacific Coast League. Ritchey has already reported for his initial Spring training session with the Padres in the camp at Ontario, California.

Our old sidekick Nat Low, now doing a daily stint for the People's World on the coast, visited the Padres camp and saw the same healthy normal atmosphere greeting Ritchey that greeted Jackie Robinson when he reported to the Montreal Royals in '46. Padre pilot is Ripper Collins, the old Gashouse Ganger of St. Louis Card heyday (Vol. 1) and the Dean brothers. Rip, ex-coal-miner and strong union man, is quite excited about the potential in Ritchey, and now, having introduced this story, suppose we let Nat Low come in for an interview with Ritchey. Take it away, Nathaniel: 3-18-48

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ONTARIO—The responsibility of being the first Negro in the half century history of the Pacific Coast League is a heavy one but John Ritchey is a broad shouldered and stalwart young man and when you meet and talk with him you leave with the clearcut impression that he will do more than all right with the San Diego Padres. Daily Worker

Ritchey is a reserved and rather serious-faced fellow with a slow, careful manner of speech distinguished by the use of an extensive vocabulary. He attended San Diego State College for two years, studying pre law.

He is built like a plunging fullback, thick through the chest, broad through the shoulders, and possessing a neck that must call for a size 18 collar. And he has the biggest hands and thickest wrists I've ever seen. (The wrists give him his unquestioned power at the plate and manager Jimmy Collins was quick to note them.)

Although he is quite modest and will indulge in conversation about himself only with reticence, Ritchey is quite confident of his ability to make good in the PCL. "I'll give it everything I've got. And I do think I can hit .300 in the league." New York, N.Y.

He Likes Competion

The competition for a backstopping job with the Padres will be stiff, won't it, I asked. "Oh yes," he replied. "Hank Camelli and Len Rice are clever veterans and young Earl Kuper can hit a long ball. But I like competition. It stirs you to greater efforts and makes you a better ball player."

I asked him how the pitching in the Negro American League measured up to the pitching he has seen in the Padre camp to date. (He hit .378 in the Negro loop last year).

The reply revealed his typical modesty. "Well, to be frank, I must say that the pitching in the Negro league is very uneven. Some of the boys are real good, of course, and would be stars in any league, but many of the others can be bush leaguers at times and you get a chance to fatten your average against them."

Despite Ritchey's modesty, however, the .fact is that the over-all caliber of Negro league hurling compares easily with Triple A ball. Jackie Robinson, for instance, hit only .325 with the Kansas City Monarchs in 1945 but when he was signed by the Dodgers and farmed to Montreal of the International League in 1946 he led that loop in hitting with .349. 3-18-48

Another former Negro league player, Roy Campanella, likewise improved upon his batting average with the Royals. Thurs

Played with Jackie

Ritchey does not give the impression of being particularly fast on the bases but his 27 stolen hassocks last year placed him second only to the Cleveland Buckeyes' great Sammy Jethroe. Ritchey has an explanation for this, too. "It's not that I'm fast but that I get the jump on pitchers." Daily Worker

Nevertheless, 27 stolen bases is a highly respectable figure for a hard-hitting catcher. And only one of the Padres topped that mark last year. New York N.Y.

Speaking of Jethroe brought Ritchey around to Jackie Robinson. "He is truly remarkable, a super athlete. But the strangest thing is that the fellows in the Negro league didn't think Jackie would do as well he did. Jackie wasn't rated nearly as high as some of the others like Dan Bankhead, Jethroe, Piper Davis and Jesse Williams." 3-18-48

Ritchey, by the way, before entering the Army (27 months in an Engineer outfit in Europe . . . Normandy, St. Lo, the Battle of the Bulge and then seven more months in the South Pacific) played semi-pro ball with Jackie all over the Southland. Thurs

He's Happy

I asked him how he had felt about being signed to the Padres. He flashed a large boyish smile which was answer enough. And his family? "They were as jubilant as I." Daily Worker

Ritchie is married and lives in a rooming house close by Ontario Hotel where the club is staying. Was this the team's idea? "Oh, no. When I came into camp Ripper Collins asked me to stay at the hotel with the rest of the fellows but I told him my wife liked to cook so here we are." New York, N.Y.

He is happy about the square deal he has gotten with the Padres. "I couldn't ask for more and now it's all up to me." 3-18-48

And in the quiet manner in which he says it you know very well he will do the hard job to the limit of his ability. **NAT LOW**

First Negro In P.C.L. Hit With Fans

The Courier-Journal
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Ritchey Tops Padre Hitting In Emergency

San Diego, Cal., April 5 (AP)—The Pacific Coast League's first Negro baseball player — catcher John Ritchey — was in solid with fans and fellow players today.

For one thing, he was leading the San Diego Padres in hits at the end of the season's first week.

He was carrying the entire catching burden — with the club's three other receivers injured during the tough series with Los Angeles. Tues 4-6-48

In seven games, Ritchey collected 8 hits in 16 times up, for a healthy .500 average. His hits included a timely three-run homer that won Friday night's game.

The 23-year-old former San Diego high school and state college student is a war veteran. He played his first professional ball last year with the Chicago team of the American Negro League.

Ritchey took over regular catching chores after Len Rice and Hank Camelli were injured in the first two games of the series. He was supposed to get a rest in the final game yesterday but was called back when Earl Kuper, the other rookie receiver, was injured in the third inning.

Manager Rip Collins said the pitchers liked to throw to Ritchey.

Other statistics: Throws right, bats left. Height 5 feet, 9½. Weight 171. Married. His weakness is throwing.

DODGERS TOP REDS ON ROE 3-HITTER, 2-0

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Robinson Scores Both Runs for Brooks, First on His Ninth Homer of Season

The Times

By ROSCOE McGOWEN

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 28—Pitching his first complete game in three months, Preacher Roe today made it a three-hit whitewashing performance as the Dodgers beat the Reds, 2-0, for a sweep of the three-game series.

Bucky Walters' boys also will have to "wait till next year" to score a victory over the Brooks at Crosley Field, as the 1947 champions have now taken eighteen straight here over two seasons.

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A crowd of 11,557, of which 9,614 were cash customers, booed some of their erstwhile heroes, such as Hank Sauer, as the Preacher had the Reds either popping up or striking out. Roe fanned four and, as usual, walked none.

Jackie Robinson, who scored both Brooklyn runs, produced the first one on Ken Raffensberger's initial pitch to him in the opening frame when he clouted his ninth homer of the campaign over the left-field wall.

New York Times

Gets Triple in Third

The Negro star opened the third inning with a triple to the right-field corner, but Raffy stopped that and other scoring threats until the eighth inning, when Grady Hatton opened the gate by booting a grounder from Robinson.

Peewee Reese neatly bunted Robby to second and, after Bruce Edwards had gone out on a fly to short center field, Carl Furillo drove Robinson home with a single through the middle.

Gil Hodges had started the fourth inning with a double off the left-field wall over Sauer's head, but Gil was erased when Ted Kluszewski snared Gene Hermanski's hot liner and threw to Red Stallcup to double Gil off the bag.

Roy Campanella started the ninth with a single through the left side off Harry Gumbert and was advanced on Hermanski's sacrifice, but was left at second.

In the ninth the Preacher stopped the Reds on six pitched balls. Frankie Baumholtz fouled to Hodges on the first pitch, Claude Corbitt lined to Hermanski on a second pitch and Hatton lifted a foul to Reese on Roe's third pitch to end the game.

Edwards Muffs High Fly

The Reds blew their best scoring opportunity, which came in the first inning. Bruce Edwards muffed a high fly from Baumholtz for a two-base error to open the inning. Then Robinson booted Corbitt's grounder and the Dodgers thereby got a break.

For our old friend Augie Galan, now Walters' third-base coach, sent Baumholtz all the way around and Robinson recovered the ball and fired to Campanella in plenty of time to get Frankie at the plate.

The Reds got another chance with two out in the third when Furillo apparently muffed Baumholt's drive near the right center barrier, a blow that was scored as a double. But Roe got out of that easily and wasn't extended in the later innings.

Furillo came up with one of his specials at the start of the eighth when Ray Lamanno caught hold of one and whaled it almost to the fence that blocks the end of the bleacher seats in right center. Carl went up the incline and took the ball with his gloved hand.

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Reese Streak Goes On

A recheck on Reese's errorless streak now makes it 196 chances accepted in 36 games. Peewee had only two chances today, an assist in the second and the final put-out.

The Dodgers have the season's series with the Reds sewed up, having won sixteen and lost three—all the losses in Brooklyn.

It was Roe's seventh triumph and first shut-out and Raffy's eighth loss. Roe has lost seven.

The last Red victory over the Dodgers at Crosley Field was a 4-0 shutout pitched by Ewell Blackwell on June 22, last year. That was when Blackie's bid for a second straight no-hitter was spoiled by Eddie Stanky in the ninth.

With three double-headers in a row, tomorrow and Monday in St. Louis, the next day in Chicago, Manager Shotton must gamble tomorrow with the two kids, Erv Palica and Paul Minner. Eddie Dyer will toss Harry Brecheen and Howie Pollet against them.

Branca "Just Fair"

Ralph Branca, who flew in yesterday from New York, said he felt "just fair" and doesn't know when he can pitch.

Five of Robinson's homers have been belted off Red pitchers Walters, Harry Gumbert, Howie Fox, Walker Cress and Raffensberger—and have been good for nine runs.

Campanella had his right foot spiked slightly by Baumholtz in the first inning, but went about his job after Doc Wendler came out and gave first aid.

The box score:

BROOKLYN (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Cox, 3b	5	0	1	2	2	0
Rob'son, 2b	4	2	2	2	3	1
Reese, ss	3	0	0	1	1	0
Edwards, lf	3	0	0	3	0	1
Shuba, lf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Furillo, cf	4	0	2	1	0	0
Hodges, 1b	4	0	1	8	0	0
Camp'lla, c	4	0	2	7	0	0
Herm'ski, rf	3	0	0	3	0	0
Roe, p	3	0	1	0	0	0
Total	33	2	9	27	6	2

CINCINNATI (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
B'holtz, cf	4	0	2	4	0	0
Corbitt, 2b	4	0	0	7	0	0
Hatton, 3b	4	0	0	0	4	1
Klus'ski, 1b	3	0	1	9	1	0
L'whiler, rf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Sauer, lf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Lamanno, c	3	0	0	5	0	0
Stallcup, ss	3	0	0	1	2	0
R'berger, p	2	0	0	0	3	0
aSchultz	1	0	0	0	0	0
Gumbert, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	30	0	3	27	10	1

aStruck out for Raffensberger in eighth.

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Runs batted in—Robinson, Furillo.

Two-base hits—Hodges, Baumholtz. Three-base hit—Robinson. Home run—Robinson. Stolen base—Cox. Sacrifices—Roe, Reese, Hermanski. Double plays—Cox, Robinson and Hodges; Kluszewski and Corbitt. Left on bases—Brooklyn 8, Cincinnati 3. Bases on balls—Off Raffensberger 1. Struck out—By Roe 4, Raffensberger 3. Hits—Off Raffensberger 8 in 8 innings, Gumbert 1 in 1. Losing pitcher—Raffensberger. Umpires—Barlick, Barr and Ballanfant. Time—2:05. Attendance—11,557 (9,614 paid).

Jackie Robinson Was First: Courier Sent Him to Dodgers

Courier Pittsburgh, Pa. Sat. 5-15-48

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Jackie Robinson was the first Negro to play in the major leagues! He was recommended to Branch Rickey, owner of the Brooklyn Dodgers, by The Pittsburgh Courier! Now The Courier is searching the country over for more Jackie Robinsons . . . for more good young ball players to follow in his scintillating footsteps.

In April, 1945, Wendell Smith, sports editor of The Courier, met with Mr. Rickey in his office in Brooklyn and urged him to sign Robinson who was then playing shortstop for the Kansas City Monarchs of the Negro American League. He assured the Brooklyn chief that Jackie was potentially a great star. Rickey knew of Robinson only as a football and track star. Not one to pass up a prospect, however, and Rickey immediately instructed his scouts to take a look at the speedy Negro star.

Clyde Sukeforth, now a Dodger coach, put the final okay on Jackie and in October of that year Robinson was signed and placed on the roster of the Montreal Royals. The rest is history. He was sensational in the International League and topped the circuit in hitting with a mark of .349. Last year he made his big league debut and wound up with the honor of being named the "Rookie of the Year."

But Jackie Robinson can't go on forever. He's 29 years old now and some day will have to call it quits. Consequently, The Courier is launching a nation-wide search for more Negro players. Some of them will be recommended to owners of big league clubs, others will be sent to Negro teams.

Some place there is another Robinson . . . and The Courier and its many readers are determined to find him!

3rd Home Run

CIUDAD TRUJILLO—Jackie Robinson hit his third home run of the exhibition campaign Sunday as the Dodgers conquered the Montreal Royals, 6-5.

Jackie Robinson Continues Fight Against Racial Bias

Daily World

Atlanta, Ga

NEW YORK, N. Y.—(SNS)—Jackie Robinson, star second baseman of the Brooklyn Dodgers, is continuing his fight against racial bias, according to Dick Young writing in the N. Y. Daily News. Thur.

"It's a tough fight," writes Young. "You'd think that, by now with his second season as major leaguer ending, Jackie Robinson would be accepted as a part of the game. But baseball, after 50 years of false pride and prejudice, hasn't been able to embrace the Negro star quite so readily."

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Young admits, "Certainly, undeniable progress has been made during the past campaign, as Robinson cast aside some of the self-imposed restrictions that governed his conduct in his frehman year, but further teps must be taken next season before the Dodger player will be looked upon as "just another player."

The articles continues as follows: In the matter of baseball ability, Robinson really proved himself this season. Even afte rhis frosh year there were those who labeled him a "one yar flash," who would fade quickly. Robinson has slammed that slander by becoming a better ball player in his second season as a Dodger.

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He was a much improved hitter because he achieved what he set out to do at the start of the campaign—hit to all fields. Strictly a pull-hitter in '47, Jackie learned to slap to center and to punch "behind the runner." The improvement wasn't so noticeable in his batting average, which hovered around .300 as compared to last year's .297, but rather in his RBI's, which doubled his '47 total.

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Although Robby's base-stealing total dropped some 25 per cent, he was still regarded by rival pitchers mates; he must eliminate the antagonism of the other teams; he must eradicate a strange belligerence that has manifested itself among umpires. Inspecting these problems individually, we find:

TEAMMATES: Here the greatest progress has been made. At the start of this season, there were Dodgers who expected him to flop on the reasoning that his first-year success would go to his head—causing him to lose his hustle. Robby has disproved that. He has made them believe that he wants to win—for the team, not for himself.

Daily World

OPPOSING PLAYERS: Here is where the progress is slowest. Snide remarks, considered to be "fashionable," are still in evidence. It is doubtful that such feelings can be overcome until each team has a Negro player of its own, helping it and catchers as the leading base-line threat of the NL. Nobody in base- ball unnerved a battery more than the Brook Negro when on base. That, in itself, is proof of the resentment that still exists against Robby. Another runner, with the same speed, the same daring, the same taunting moves as he leads off first, would not agitate the opposing pitchers to such a degree.

THREE-WAY CRUSADE

Atlanta, Ga.

Robinson's crusade for unqualified acceptance—which he must continue despite the entry of other Negro players in the majors because he, as the first, remains the symbol—is actually a battle on three fronts. He must break down the aloofness of his own team-win. In that way, they will no longer look upon Robinson as the Negro player who is beating them.

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UMPIRES: After passing his first season as a mute martyr, during which time he never uttered a word of protest to an umpire, Robinson dropped his restraint and beefed on certain calls just as any other player considers it his privilege to do. Consequently, Robby was bounced from a couple of games—even fined $25 by NL prexy Ford Frick on one occasion. To him, they "made me a member," because that's what happens to all players under the same circumstances, and Robby wants to be treated that way.

Thumbnail Sketches On Dodger Players

Afro American Sat 4-3-48

Baltimore, Md.

JACKIE ROBINSON (Infielder)—Born in Cairo, Ga., Jan. 31, 1919; educated Pasadena, Calif., Pasadena Junior College, and UCLA; has one brother, one sister; is married and has one child, a son, 14 months old; played with Kansas City Monarchs before and after service in armed forces; signed to Montreal Royals contract, Oct. 23, 1945; played '46 season with Royals, led the International League batters with .349 average, scored 113 runs, stole 32 bases, and topped all league second basemen on defense with fielding average of .985; stands 5 feet, 11½ inches, weighs 197 pounds, bats and throws righthanded; neither drinks nor smokes; moved up to Brooklyn Dodgers last April, played full season at firstbase and acclaimed as "Rookie of the Year-1947;" played in Dodger-Yankee world series, and led National League in stolen bases with 28.

Robinson Admirer Wins Art Prize

Black Dispatch

Sat 4-24-48

Oklahoma City, Okla.

ST. LOUIS, — (ANP) — Lyle Suter, art student at the art school of Pratt institute, Brooklyn, was named winner of a $500 second prize in the Society of Illustrators' national competition for 1948, it was disclosed here last week. Suter's entry was a caricature of persons in a crowd watching Jackie Robinson, Brooklyn Dodger's first baseman, beating out a bunt in a world series game last fall. The title of the sketch is "American Heritage."

Suter, the son of Dr. L. S. Suter, a local dentist, was a cartoonist on the staff of the Paris edition of the Stars and Stripes, the GI's newspaper. He is a graduate of Summer high school and attended Stowe Teachers' college before being inducted into the army.

DODGER STAR LED BY CLOSE MARGIN

New York Times

New York, New York

Robinson First on Percentage of .9795—Murtaugh Second With .979 in National

Thur-12-23-48

MARION SHORTSTOP ACE

Set Fielding Pace for Third Time in League—Pirates Made 2 Triple Plays

In his second campaign on the big time Jackie Robinson gained the distinction of leading the National League's second basemen in fielding excellence, though his margin was a slender one.

Official averages released for publication yesterday reveal Robinson finished the season with a percentage of .9795, was charged with thirteen errors in 636 chances, just getting a shade ahead of Danny Murtagh in the recapitulation for players who engaged in 100 or more games. Robinson played in 116 games and figured in eighty double plays.

Murtaugh closed the season with a fielding average of .979, after seeing duty in 146 games and handling 804 chances. His errors numbered seventeen, one short of the high set by Bill Rigney of the Giants. The Pirate infielder figured in ninety-five twin killings. Red Schoendienst of the Cardinals had a percentage of .9803, but appeared in only ninety-six games.

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Marion's Average .974

Though illness and injury kept him out of thirteen of his club's games, the frail Marty Marion celebrated his ninth season in the livery of the Cardinals by romping off with the honors among shortstops for the third year. In 142 games Marion accepted 727 chances, was charged with nineteen errors, figured in eighty double plays and finished the season with the top average of .974 among participants in 100 or more games.

Seven points behind was Buddy Kerr, Giant shortstop, who over a 143-game span accepted 750 chances, erred twenty-five times and figured in seventy-two double plays.

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The questionable distinction of coming up with the greatest number of errors among shortstops fell to Roy Smalley of the Cubs, charged with thirty-four. The Cubs excelled all other clubs in double plays with 152, had the greatest total chances, 6,049, and the largest number of assists, 1,810.

Honors among first basemen went to Ed Stevens of the Pirates, who finished with a percentage of .996, three in excess of Earl Torgeson of the Braves, while Big Jawn Mize and Ed Waitkus were deadlocked for third among the 100-game group, each with .991.

Top man among the third basemen was the transplanted Sid Gordon. The Giants' husky finished 1 point ahead of Frankie Gustine with an average of .948 for a 115-game span. Gustine played in 118 games. Bob Elliott, who played 150 of the Braves' 154 games, figured in 470 chances and had an average of .945.

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Heath, Masi Excelled

Among the outfielders the injured Jeff Heath was the leader, with a percentage of .991 for 106 games. The Braves' Phil Masi led the catchers for the second successive year, with a percentage of .988, topping Del Rice's .996 because the Cardinal backstop was one short of the 100-game level.

Fielding record performances for the season included the Pirates' feat of equaling the league mark of completing two triple plays in a season, and another of executing six double plays in a single game; a major league record-equaling feat by the Dodgers on Aug. 16, when the club's outfield didn't have a single chance, and Stan Rojek's performance in sharing in five double plays in one game on Sept. 6, tying the league mark for shortstops.

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Jackie Robinson Advises Negroes in Big Leagues To Bite Tongue And Play Ball

The Florida Tattler

Jacksonville, Fla.

Asks Owners to Bring Playes up Through Minors

Sat. 5-15-48

Chicago—Negro ball players in the big leagues dare not argue their points in disputes with white players or umpires declares Brooklyn Dodger star Jackie Robinson in a signed article in the current issue of Ebony magazine.

"Until the time comes when a Negro player can go out and argue his point as well as any other ball player," Robinson says in Ebony, a Negro picture monthly, "I hope all of us are able to bite our tongues and just play ball."

Sat. 5-15-48

Robinson, who was chosen Rookie of the Year in 1947 by the Sporting News, wrote the article which is entitled "What's Wrong with Negro Baseball," to refute charges that Branch Rickey "stole" him from the Kansas City Monarchs, a team in the Negro American League. The charges were made by Monarch owner Tom Baird and were recently published in the Sporting News.

Commenting on Branch Rickey's motives in signing him Jackie says:

"I will always believe his reasons to be purely democratic in nature. I only hope other owners will give more Negro players similar breaks.

"But I sincerely hope," Robinson adds, "they bring the players up through the minor leagues and give them a chance to become associated with other players before they step out into the majors."

Sat. 5-15-48

Jackie Robinson Blasts Baird's "Theft" Charges

The Lighthouse

Columbia, S.C.

CHICAGO—Jackie Robinson answers the "theft" charges of Kansas City Monarch owner Tom Baird and chides debris tossing, whiskey bottle - weilding colored fans in an article he wrote exclusively for the June issue of Ebony which is entitled "What's Wrong With Negro Baseball." Sun.

"A baseball game is a place where people come to enjoy themselves," he writes in Ebony, "and not to be disturbed by some unruly person who is either throwing away his sandwich wrapper or drinking out of his whiskey bottle." 5-16-48

Replying to Baird's insistence that Branch Rickey of the Dodgers "stole" him from the Monarchs, Jackie says: 5-16-48

"Leaving Kansas City was done on my own volition, and I would have done so whether I could have played elsewhere or not. I was tired in September of 1945 and asked the Monarchs for permission to go home after the game on the 21st. I was told I would have to play all the games or none."

The Dodger star continues:

"I was left with no other alternative than to leave the club. The owner's son gave me a lecture and assured me that if I left the club club I was through, that I could play no place outside of the Negro National League.

The 'cooperation' I received that afternoon made me glad I no longer had to play with the Monarchs."

And he adds:

"The owner's son also told me that Kansas City was the only team with which I could play."

Dodgers Edge Braves; Giants, Phils Divide

New York Star

Robby's Homer Wins in 13th

Wed. 9-29-48

By Heywood Hale Broun

It seems a pity that yesterday's thriller at Ebbets Field couldn't have been staged earlier in the year. The Dodgers finally took an extra-inning decision from the Braves, 9-8 in 13 innings, with every imaginable extra thrill thrown in except a bearing on the pennant race.

Brooklyn N.Y.

Jackie Robinson broke up the game by opening the 13th with a homer off Clyde Shoun. Jackie was the first man Shoun faced and the count went to 2 and 2 before the Dodger second baseman deposited No. 12 in the left field seats.

Earlier, the little crowd of 6117 had been treated to a steal of home by Jackie, Eddie Miksis' second home run of the season, a three-run shot and Pee Wee Reese's ninth. They had been brought to their feet in the 12th by a thrilling double play which got the Dodgers out of trouble.

Mike McCormick opened the inning with a triple and Bob Elliott walked before Frank McCormick hit a medium deep fly to right which Gene Hermanski whipped home just in time to nail McCormick.

Frank McCormick hit a homer for the Braves and Bob Elliott gave the proceedings another dash of excitement by leaping to stab Robinson's liner to start a double play which ended an eighth inning Brooklyn threat.

Eddie Stanky started at second yesterday for the first time since he broke his ankle on July 8. . . . Ray Sanders, pinch-hitting in the sixth, got his first hit since he had his arm smashed by Erv Dusak of the Cards in August 1946. . . . This was the 11th game of the season between the Dodgers and Braves which was decide by one run. The Braves took eight of these decisions and had a string of five straight wins over the Dodgers going into yesterday's game.

The victory went to Carl Erskine, fifth Brooklyn pitcher, and was his sixth of the year.

Before the game Brave pilot Billy Southworth said he was going to work his aces, Warren Spahn, Johnny Sain and Verne Bickford in regular turn for the rest of the season rather than risk rustiness by resting them.

The Dodgers had a pre-game word to say about the fate of Hugh Casey, who announced in North Carolina that he was going to be released and would join the Giants.

Jackie Robinson Receives Omega Outstanding Citizens's Award

Daily World

Atlanta, Ga.

DETROIT —At the 34th Annual Grand Conclave held in Detroit, Mich., December 27-31, 1947 the report of the Achievement Project Director, Dr. Robert C. Weaver, Director of Community Services American Council on Race Relations, Chicago, Ill., released for publication the Fraternity's 1947 Achievement Week awards.

Fri.

The theme for 1947 was "Community Planning for Intergroup Understanding." The Outstanding Citizen's Award for 1947 went to Jackie Robinson, first baseman for the Brooklyn Dodgers. The District Representative Award went to Dr. Harry T. Penn, a prominent civic leader of Roanoke, Va., Third District Representative.

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The Outstanding Omega Man Award for 1947 went to Edward Valerian Smith, an undergraduate dental student at Howard University, Washington, D. C., who organized the Omega Choir consisting of 45 voices. Under his direction the Choir gave several programs in and out of the ctiy of Washington, D. C.

ALPHA CHAPTER PRAISED

The 1947 Achievemeit Week Program sponsored by Alpha Chapter which featured the Choir was one of the most successful ever sponsored by a Chapter of the Fraternity. The Washington Post praised it highly. The Pittsburgh Courier headlined the affair. The Choir appeared on two radio programs and participated in the Annual Christmas Pageant during the recent Yule tide season. The Choir will also begin recording for the United States Recording Co. In addition, plans have already been made for a tour to feature the Choir in the leading cities of the country, and it has been invited to sing at the White House Easter.

Fri. 1-2-48

The Achievement Project Director's report revealed that 1947 was a banner year for the Fraternity as far as Achievement Week Programs were concerned. These programs were characterized by radio programs, public lecture series, recitals, symposiums and forums.

The winners for national high school essay contest whose 1947 theme was: "Racial Democracy at Home as a Means of Fostering International Relations" were: Gloria J. Kincheon, Jacksonville, Fla., first prize winner; Ted J. Jenner Indianapolis, Ind., second prize winner; and Betty Taylor, Birmingham, Ala., third prize winner. These essays were received from all sections of the country.

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REPORTS

The December 29, session of the Omega Psi Phi Conclave heard the reports of the twelve district representatives, the Housing Authority, the Scholarship Committee, and other special committees.

The social calendar of the Grand Conclave was marked by dances smokers, cocktail parties, and sight seeing tours, given to the Fraterity by the local Greek letter Organizations; Kappa Alpha Psi, Phi Beta Sigma, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternities, and the Delta Sigma Theta, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Phi Delta Kappa and Zeta Phi Beta Sororities as hosts.

Atlanta Ga

Robinson Alternates At First And Third

Atlanta Daily World

Tues 6-15-48

PITTSBURGH — (N N P A) — Spiked earlier in the week in Cincinnati, Jackie Robinson, Broooklyn Dodgers' infielder, himself spiked a player in the 13-inning game against the Pittsburgh Pirates last Friday, which the Dodgers won, 3-2.

In the Dodgers' ninth, Robinson drew his second walk of the ball game. He was caught off the bag, but made it back safely when Danny Murtaugh, Pirates' second baseman, threw poorly to Max West at First. Getting back to the bat, Jackie spiked West in the left leg.

Officially at bat three times, Robinson went hitless. He played first base and made thirteen putouts and two assists.

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Robinson also went hitless in three times at bat in the game last Thursday which the Pirates won, 4-1. He was robbed of a hit in the fourth when Murtaugh made a great catch of Jackie's looping wallop into short right. Jackie played third and made two assists.

MAY ALTERNATE AT

FIRST AND THIRD

With Johnnny Jorgensen shipped to St. Paul of the American Association, Lippy Leo Durocher, Dodgers' manager, plans to use Jackie at two infield jobs in order to present the strongest possible lineup at all times.

He will coninue his experiment of using Jackie at third base when a righthander is pitching against the Dodgers and benching Preston Ward at first in favor of Robinson when a southpaw pitches. Either Billy Cox or Tom Brown will play third when Jackie is at first.

Carrying out this experiment, Durocher sent Robinson to third in the game against the Pirates here last Wednesday when Rip Sewell started against the Dodgers Jackie went hitless in five trips to the plate. He played errorless ball at third base, however, turning in two putouts and two assists but the Pirates won. 6-4.

Robinson was spiked in the fifth inning of the game against the Cincinnati Reds here Tuesday, June 8 which the Dodgers won, 6 to 55.

As Jackie took a throw from Billy Cox, the Dodgers' third baseman, on a close play, Virgil Stallcup, the Reds' shortstop, stepped on Robinson's foot which was on the bag.

Doc Wendler rushed out to examine the foot, but Jackie stayed in the game. He was limping slightly as he went to his position.

Jackie went back at first base Preston Ward was benched because Ken Raffensberger, a lefthander, started for the Reds, and Cox went to third.

At bat three times Jackie was credited with one hit, one run, five put outs and one assist. He also was credited with a sacrifice.

Robinson's Timely Hits Help Scuttle Pirates

The Courier Sat. 7-3-48

Pittsburgh Pa

By WILLIAM G. NUNN Jr.

The Pittsburgh Pirates are still wondering what scuttled them last week when the Brooklyn Dodgers, with Jackie Robinson at the helm, were able to submerge the Steel Town boys under an avalanche of base-hits while winning both ends of an Ebbets Field doubleheader.

They say that every ball player has his day, and who am I to deny this age-old adage. But if Robinson's day last Thursday was any indication of things to come then all I can say is Brooklyn opponents look out!

In Thursday's game, Jackie became a manager's dream as he rifled out seven hits in nine official times at bat. Besides his seven hits, Jackie's only other accomplishments were: he hit a game winning home run, lashed out a deuce of doubles, drove in six runs, scored, stole his first base of the current season and lifted his batting average from .279 to a healthy .306.

Sat. 7-3-48

While Jackie gathered his last six hits in succession, he probably got more kick out of his grand slam homer in the first game than any of the others.

Going into the last half of the ninth inning of the first game, with the score tied at 2-2, the Dodgers started one of those last minute rallies so characteristic of the Bums. With three men on, all the results of walks, and two out, Jackie was definitely on the spot. With Mel Queen, the Pirates' relief hurler working at his hardest, you could feel the tenseness that was gripping the 24,745 rabid Dodger fans at the game. With the count standing at one strike and one ball, Queen let go with a fast in side pitch. Jackie, rising to the occasion, caught the ball on the fat end of his bat and drove it out into the left field stands, enabling the Dodgers to come out on the long end of the score.

Sat. 7-3-48

In the second game, which was called at the end of eight innings due to rain, Jackie had a perfect time at bat, getting four for four. In this game, two of Jackie's hits were of the extra base variety, both being doubles. His two RBI's and three runs scored played a vital role in this win also.

JACKIE TALKS BEFORE THINKING

Afro-American

Baltimore Md

Jackie Robinson, so fresh out of the bush leagues that the shine hasn't worn off his pants has presumed to advise owners as to what's wrong with colored leagues, and colored players.

All his life he has been on the receiving end. He has never had to hire a baseball player, put a team on the field, make out a schedule or meet a payroll.

All he has had to do is to get in condition, put on a baseball suit and get out and play. 6-7-47

The problems that come from managing a team, satisfying the public and running a business are so foreign to him that it is a wonder he hasn't attempted to learn something about them before he commented on them in a magazine article. Sat. 6-7-47

Jackie Robinson played in a minor league before he went to Montreal and Brooklyn and he didn't draw any crowds then. Baltimore Md.

Maybe Jackie hasn't realized that it isn't Jackie Robinson who is drawing the crowds now. Sat. 6-7-47

Rather it is the fact that the big leagues have for the first time signed up colored baseball players.

And we have in mind a half dozen fellows, who with Jackie Robinson's opportunity, would do as well as he has with Brooklyn or with any of the other National or American League teams. Maybe they could do better. At least they could keep their mouths shut.

Jackie got his start in the colored leagues and he ought always to be eternally grateful to the fellows who gave him his first opportunity to play professional baseball.

Has Jackie Robinson Got The 'Swell Head'?

Chicago Defender

Sat. 5-31-47

Chicago Ill

A lot of people are not going to like it-- they'll talk a long time in the barber shops and beauty parlors and across the bars about it. But Jackie Robinson has come in for some hazing in the press.

There are some who already say it is unfair --some in the know, that is--and just as many insiders who say it is fair. Then there are others who claim its good box office. "Look at Ted Williams and Ty Cobb," they say. Half their publicity was or is bad.

Right, wrong or "boxoffice" Jackie now has a new type of publicity, and may develop a new character in the public eye as a result. If this teaser has kept you reading gentle fan, the long and short of it is that Bill Roeder, a New York sports writer says the Brooklyn management is disturbed over what it calls signs of overconfidence and complacency on the part of the "Rookie of the Year."

15 Pounds Over

This is polite for swell headedness.

It all came about with Jackie's turning up late for spring training at Trujillo City, D. R. He had the club's permission for this so he could attend the funeral of a friend in California, but he also was 15 pounds overweight. A baseball manager reacts to 15 extra pounds more violently than the head of a modelling agency.

The next step in the drama of "Is Jackie A Level-Headed Wonder Boy" came when he was shifted from first base to second and back and repeat It began to look serious when Leo the Lip. (This is a term of endearment in Brooklyn for Leo Durocher), hustled Wall Smasher Pete Reiser off to Vero Beach, Fla., for a course in how to play first base.

There are many ways a sports fan or sports writer can look at this. It could be designed to make Jackie hustle more. It could be just smart baseball to try every man out before the final assignment is given, then it could be something else that did not enter the Dodger's management circle while Durocher was out last season.

Durocher tipped off this "something else" himself, when according to Roeder, he remarked "If I had to pick between Robinson and Reiser and neither had played at first base before, I would pick Reiser." Sat. 5-31-47

Real cute! Reiser is and has been an outfielder--one of the best. Jackie is a first baseman, and what's more, he won the "Rookie of the Year" award playing first and piling up the best stolen base record in the league last year.

Something else the oldtimers put much stock in is the second year jinx, that seems to throw most promising rookies off their game. Roeder thinks the late arrival in camp and the 15 extra pounds are something serious, however. He asks if Jackie would have done the same a year ago when he was just trying to crash into the majors.

As we said they will be talking about this a long time. . .

Has Jackie Got Bigheaded?

Unsigned

Robinson Returns Contract

Courier

Pittsburgh Pa.

By WENDELL SMITH
(Courier Sports Editor)

NEW YORK—It was learned from a reliable source here this week that Jackie Robinson received his 1948 contract from the Brooklyn Dodgers and returned it unsigned. Sat. 2-14-48

Despite the fact that the Dodgers' first baseman failed to put his signature on the contract, he is not considered a holdout.

"Robinson is not considered a holdout," a Brooklyn official said last Sunday. "He has not signed the contract we sent him, but is expected to come to terms any day now. He will be here Feb. 12 and meet with Branch Rickey to discuss his salary for the coming year."

Robinson, currently on a theatre tour in the South, was not available for comment, but it is understood that he is definitely displeased with the first offer Rickey made and returned the contract last week.

The Dodgers are having contract difficulties with most of their regulars. Ed Stanky, second baseman; Pee Wee Reese, shortstop; Pete Reiser, outfielder, and Hank Berhman, pitcher, have all returned their contracts unsigned.

"You can always expect such problems with a pennant-winning ball club," Branch Rickey, shrewd owner of the club, said. "I am sure all these players will come to terms before the club leaves for spring training on Feb. 28."

The Dodgers will train for thirty days in Santo Domingo. The reporting day is March 1, and after romping in the tropical sun for four weeks they will head North with exhibition games listed in Dallas, Fort Worth, Tulsa, Oklahoma City and Asheville, N. C.

Terms Believed Between $12,500, $15,000 For Year

Atlanta Daily World

Atlanta Ga.

BROOKLYN, N. Y. — (SNS) — President Branch Rickey, of the Brooklyn Dodgers announced Thursday that Jackie Robinson, first base sensation and celebrated "Rookie of the Year" had signed his 1948 contract.

While the terms of the contract were not disclosed, it is believed that Robinson, the first Negro ever to play in modern organized baseball will receive between $12,500 and $15,000 for the 1948 baseball season. According to unconfirmed reports, the former UCLA star received $5,500 for the 1947 season.

Authenic sources reported last week that Robinson received his 1948 contract, but mailed it back unsigned, pending a conference with President Rickey.

TO JOIN DODGERS ON MARCH 1

Robinson will join the Dodgers on March 1, when they open their spring training camp, at Santo Domingo. After a strenuous four-week grind at Santo Domingo, the Dodgers will return to the States for exhibition tilts at Dallas, Fort Worth, Tulsa, Oklahoma City and Asheville. Fri. 2-13-48

In his first year in the "majors", Robinson topped base-runners in the National League with 29 stolen bases and also led the loop with 28 sacrifice hits.

After being selected as the "Rookie of the Year" by Sporting News Magazine, he was also named "Rookie of the Year" by the Chicago Chapter of the Baseball Writers Association of America.

Last year, Robinson finished with a batting average of .296. He connected for 175 hits, including 31 dcubles, five triples and 12 home runs.

Robinson Ejected From First Major League Game

The Courier

Sat. 9-4-48

By BILL NUNN Jr.

Pittsburgh Pa.

Jackie Robinson got the old heave-ho Tuesday night at Pittsburgh's Forbes Field when he was ejected from his first major league ball game before a sell-out crowd of 38,265 fans. The Dodgers' fleet-footed second sacker was sent to the showers after he protested from the bench about the removal from the game of his teammate, Bruce Edwards.

The entire situation began in the last half of the third inning when Jackie claimed that he had caught Pittsburgh's Stan Rojek oversliding second base. When Robinson heard umpire Bill Stewart's decision that Rojek was safe, he went into a tamtrum around the hot corner as he vigorously protested the decision along with Pee Wee Reese, the Dodgers' shortstop.

Then, in the fourth inning, when things seemed to be going smoothly once again, plate umpire Butch Henline suddenly whirled around and hollered at the Dodger bench, "that's enough out of you Edwards, you can leave the ball game," Edwards, the stocky Brooklyn catcher who has been riding the bench since Roy Campanella returned from St. Paul, went out and put up a stout protest but the decision that he was to leave the ball game stood. Sat 9-4-48

After this skirmish Gene Hermanski of the Dodgers rolled out, pitcher to first. Then suddenly, Henline jerked off his mask, turned a scarlet crimson, faced the Dodgers dugout and motioned for Jackie to leave the bench.

Jackie came rushing out of the dugout as if he were possessed with the very devil itself and proceeded to give Henline a verbal lacing down that had all the characteristics of a three-ring circus. With the capacity crowd now in an uproar, it wasn't long before Jackie was joined in his futile argument by Dodger coach Clyde Sukeforth. No sooner had Sukeforth started his protest than Henline made it clear that he, too, could leave the game.

A short time later when Jackie was asked by this writer what had proceeded between himself and the umpire as far as words were concerned, he said: Sat 9-4-48

"When Edwards had been kicked out of the game Henline had sent word over to the bench that he was going to run the ball game and that he wouldn't have the guys ride him. Knowing that Bruce had been put out over something that one of the fans said behind the dugout, I replied, that 'somebody should get on you.' Evidently he heard the remark and ordered me out of the ball game. At first I wasn't sure whether he was talking to me or not, but when I found out that was when I put up my squak."

It was announced later that Jackie had been fined $25 for his argument with Henline.

In the two times Jackie had appeared at the plate before he was ejected he had managed to get one hit, a drag bunt single.

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Doby's Two Safe Hits Spur Cleveland Victory

The Defender
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Chicago Ill.

BRAVES FIELD, Boston — (Special) — Sparked by Larry Doby's two hits and the same by manager Lou Boudreau, the Cleveland Indians spotted the Boston Braves one run and then, came from behind to score two runs in the fourth, one in the fifth and one in the ninth to win 4-1 in the second game of the World Series here Thursday afternoon, October 7.

Doby drove in Joe Gordon with the second run of the fourth with a single to right after having the count of two strikes and three balls. In the second, he looked at a ball, fouled off the next one, watched two balls float by, then cracked a double to center, the first extra base hit of any Cleveland player in the series.

Doby became the first Negro in the American League to get an extra base hit in a World Series. He was the first player of either club to hit for extra bases. He was the first Cleveland player and the first player in the present series to get two hits.

Doby, whose home is in Paterson, N. J., took a called strike in the sixth, missed the second strike, watched a ball go by, then struck out. He fanned in the eighth after taking three balls, a called strike and missed the next two. He was idle in the outfield. Boudreau going back to take an out Doby might have gotten had the Cleveland manager not waved him away.

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Paige May Pitch

A cold wind blew across the field and kept the 39,633 fans bundled up in their overcoats despite the fact that the sun was shining all day. The total receipts was $178,419.63.

Bob Lemon, winning pitcher tied the World Series record of three putouts made by Nick Altrock of the Chicago White Sox in 1908 and by Jim Vaughn of the Chicago Cubs in 1918.

Satchel Paige still hopes to pitch in the Series. The most talked of pitcher in the last 20 years of baseball, believes he will get this chance in Cleveland. Manager Boudreau wouldn't comment when asked after today's game. Said Boudreau "I pitched Bob Feller in the opener and Bob Lemon in the second game. I have Gene Bearden for the first contest in Cleveland, after that I don't know right now who I will select."

Satch Sees Action In

The Defender
Sat 10-16-48

Fifth Game

By FAY YOUNG

Chicago Ill.

BOSTON—Larry Doby. A name to remember. They'll be talking about it for a long time to come—across the back fence, over the phone and the dinner table, and in the back room.

The easygoing 25 year old athlete was the surprise package of the 1948 World Series wrangle. Twice within five games his bat tipped the scales in favor of the Cleveland Indians—the only team in the American League with Negro players.

Both at the bat and afield his performance left nothing to be desired, and in six games, the only error charged against him was technical and not actual.

In the series, Doby, who was switched to right field in the sixth and final game which Cleveland won 4-3, here, Monday, Oct. 11, went to bat 21 times and made seven hits for a batting percentage of .333.

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Doby walked the third time he faced Bill Voiselle on Monday.

He piled up the following firsts:

1—First man on either team to get a home run.

2—First man on either team to get an extra base hit.

3—First Indian to get a hit off Warren Spahn.

4—First man to hit twice in one game.

5—First man to hit safely in five games.

6—First Indian to make a putout in the series.

Twice the big bat of the young man from Patterson, N. J., and Cleveland, provided the margin of Cleveland victory, while the tribe was pulling ahead three games to one. On Thursday, he got two hits, a double and a single, and

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drove in the second run—all that was needed to win.

On Saturday, he homered for Cleveland's second and last run—all that was needed for victory.

Doby was not the only man to rack up a first. Despite his short stint on the hill for Cleveland, Satchel Paige qualified for entry in the record books.

First To Pitch

He is the first Negro to pitch in the World Series, and was the only Cleveland pitcher not scored on in Sunday's 11-5 rout by the Boston Braves.

Doby, who is rounding out his first full season as a major leaguer, and his first as an outfielder, will get a full share of the series money. Paige, who joined the club in mid-season, and could be called a rookie except that it does not sit well on 44-year-old shoulders, will get the same.

The players shares for the winning club are $6,772.05 each. The losers will cart off about $2,000 less.

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Even though charged with an error in Sunday's game, Doby had not actually miscued in the first six contests. His throw to third after Rickert singled in the sixth, was on a line. The runner blocked it, and when the ball went into the dugout, continued to the plate. Scoring rules say that if the baseman does not get a chance to play on the ball, and the base runner advances, the error must be charged to the thrower. That was Doby's luck.

Gave Up Nothing

In his two-thirds of an inning on the mound the seventh, Paige, walked, none, struck out none, and gave up no hits. The one run that scored on a sacrifice fly was not charged against him. He retired in favor of a pinch hitter in the second half of the frame.

Mound duty in a World Series game brought one of his fondest dreams into reality. The only thing better would have been a victory.

Doby says he will invest his series melon in a home on 105th st. in Cleveland's Glenville section. Mrs. Doby approves. Paige plans to barnstorm.

Doby's Home Run Brings Indians Three Straight

The Defender
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Chicago, Ill.

MUNICIPAL STADIUM, Cleveland—Larry Doby was the hero of the Indians' 2-1 victory over the Boston Braves in the fourth game of the World Series here Saturday, October 9.

The Cleveland centerfielder foul tipped the first pitch from Johnny Sain and caught the next one square on the nose. It sailed 430 feet over the fence and into the crowd of standees for a home run. Two were out at the time.

The blow gave Cleveland a 3-1 edge in the series—one game short of the title. Doby's homer was the second Cleveland run, and proved to be all that was needed to win. Marvin Rickert hit a 370 foot homer into the right field stands in the seventh with none out and the bases clear.

Robbed Of Hit

Cleveland's first run came in the opening inning. Mitchell singled to center. Doby hit the first ball for what was labeled single, but Earl Torgeson, Boston first sacker, knocked it down in time to toss to Sain for the putout. Mitchell took second.

Manager Lou Boudreau clouted a double, but was out trying to stretch it into a three bagger. Mitchell scored. The crowd jammed into Municipal Stadium, probably the most beautiful ball park in the world, stood and booed Umpire Bill Stewart because it believed as did Boudreau, that the Indians' manager was safe.

Steve Gromek had the situation well in hand with the exception of the seventh, when after Rickert homered, Mike McCormick singled to center. Gromek disposed of the next three in order.

Rickert Fans

When Rickert came up in the Boston ninth, he was a victim of a third called strike for the first out. McCormick looked at three for out number two. The inning and the game ended with Salkeld, who batted for Phil Masi, flying out to Kennedy in right

Doby was up three times. On his third and last trip he was the first man to face Sain in the sixth. He looked at three balls, watched a strike, missed the 3-1 pitch, and rolled out Stanky to Torgeson on the next.

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Doby continued hitting through the fourth game. His homer gave him five hits in 14 trips. He still is the only player on either team to hit safely in each game. His average after Saturday's victory was 357.

First To Hit Homer

He became the first Negro in the American League and the first Negro in baseball history to hit a home run in the world series. Also he was the first player on either team to pole one the distance.

We have lived long enough to see that feat and to see Doby make two stellar catches in centerfield in the fourth game. He took Alvin Dark's liner on the run, to start the Boston sixth. In the eighth, Tommy Holmes was robbed of an extra base hit when Larry raced back at full speed and took the drive as it started to sail over his head. His back was partly to the ball at the time.

Doby's homer brought the 81,798 who had paid, to their feet. Even the few Boston partisans stood and gave him a great hand. He took it modestly. Again after his great catch of Holmes' drive the crowd stood to applaud him as he went to the Indians' dugout.

Satch's On Bench

Ol' Satchel Paige sat on the Cleveland pitchers' bench out in right field throughout the game. In the seventh, when Manager Lou Boudreau signalled for three pitchers to warm up, it was noticed that Paige was still glued to the bench.

Paige will barnstorm after the series with his own All-Star team on which Gene Bearden will be one of the pitchers.

Fans and reporters jammed the Cleveland dressing room and overflowed the entrance. Doby, as quiet and unassuming as he is, became the hero of the fourth game, and so far is the best hitter in the series.

High Fast One

He said it was a high fast ball he hit for the homer. Thousands waited until he had dressed and gave him a big hand as he left the park. He took it all as part of another day's work. Doby had said in Boston that he faced better pitching in the American League than Sain dished out in the first game.

After an all night rain, the sun came out about nine o'clock Saturday morning and the day was ideal for baseball except that one felt comfortable in a top coat.

The crowd broke the world series attendance record. The total receipts were $370,775.03. The old attendance mark was 74,065 set in the 1947 series between Brooklyn and the New York Yankees, in Yankee Stadium, when folks from all over the country went to see Jackie Robinson, the first Negro to play in the world series in action.

INDIANS WIN SERIES BY BEATING BRAVES IN SIXTH GAME, 4-3

Tues 10-12-48

Cleveland Annexes Baseball Title, 4 Games to 2, Before 40,103 Fans at Boston

BEARDEN RESCUES LEMON

Left-Hander Halts Rally by National Leaguers in 8th—Gordon Hits Home Run

By JOHN DREBINGER

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

BOSTON, Oct. 11—Under a leaden sky that threatened any moment to shed bitter tears on the scene, Lou Boudreau and his Indians today crowned themselves baseball champions of the universe by defeating the Braves in the sixth game of the 1948 world series.

Showing a surprising amount of bounce after the crushing defeat they had suffered at the hands of Billy Southworth's aroused band of Bostonians in Cleveland yesterday, the Tribe played grim, tight-lipped ball, made few mistakes, and came home in front, 4 to 3.

That gave the Indians the series, four games to two, and placed Boudreau's cast alongside Tris Speaker's immortals who in 1920 triumphed in the only other fall classic in which Cleveland has appeared.

The victory, achieved to the bitter disappointment of the vast majority in a crowd of 40,103 which tossed a final $179,975.48 into the till, also gave the American League its twenty-eighth triumph against seventeen for the National circuit.

It was a tense, dramatic struggle right down to the wire today. With Bob Lemon, who gave the Indians their first victory in the second game here last Thursday, and Bill Voiselle locked in a one-all mound duel, Joe Gordon, the sterling second sacker whom the Yankees had cast adrift in 1946, slammed a homer in the sixth inning and with that shot the tide of battle remained with the Indians.

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Twin-Killing Missed

Behind that shot over the left-field wall came another run in the same inning on a pass, a single by Eddie Robinson and a force play at second which just missed being a twin-killing when Eddie Stanky threw widely to first base on a "take out play" by the opposing runner. Had the double play been completed the tally would not have counted.

Two innings later, with Warren Spahn hurling for Boston in place of Voiselle, the Indians jammed across another run on singles by Ken Keltner, Thurman Tucker and Robinson and that marker eventually was to carry the day. At the moment it gave the Clevelanders a 4-to-1 lead.

For in the last of the eighth the Braves, amid a deafening noise from their New England supporters, came charging back with a desperate bid to stay in the series.

They routed Lemon with a single by Tommy Holmes, a double by Earl Torgeson and a pass. Then with one run in, two runners aboard the bases and left-handed Gene Bearden on the mound for the Clevelanders, Phil Masi, appearing as a pinch hitter, smashed a line drive against the left field fence.

A few feet higher and the Braves probably would have won the game and squared the series. It went for a double, scored a single run and the National Leaguers were still one tally in arrears with runners on second and third.

Bearden refused to give any more ground. The entry of the southpaw ace had in itself been a daring move on the part of Manager Boudreau. The lefty had pitched a brilliant shut-out in winning the third game of the series and supposedly was being reserved for tomorrow, if a seventh game were necessary.

Bold Move by Boudreau

But Boudreau was not thinking of tomorrow. He fearlessly called on Bearden to end the series here and the tall Arkansan did not let him down.

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Bearden fielded Mike McCormick's hard slam to the mound to snuff out the rally and the Braves were through. They gave one last gasp in the ninth when Stanky drew a pass. But a sacrifice attempt by Sibby Sisti, batting for Spahn, resulted in a [illegible] up and a double play, and Tommy Holmes flied to left for the final out.

Both the crowd and the receipts helped set a new high for six-game series. The total attendance for the six games reached 358,362 and the receipts $1,633,685.56. These topped the 302,924 attendance figures and $1,304,399 receipts mark set in the Yankee-Giants series of 1936.

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Though the skies were gray, the temperature was unusually high for this time of the year in New England.

The crowd was gay and noisy, bent on making up in volume of sound what it lacked in size. The Braves' thundering comeback in Cleveland yesterday had electrified all Boston and only the limited capacity of Braves Field prevented the Hub's aroused enthusiasts from matching the 86,288 attendance record that had been set in the American League city.

There were some apprehensive moments in the first inning when, with one down, Larry Doby singled and Voiselle hit Boudreau a resounding thump in the back with a pitched ball. But Voiselle refused to let this upset him and turned back Gordon and Keltner easily.

Threat by Home Team

The Braves threatened Lemon in the same round when, with one down, Alvin Dark outgalloped a deftly placed bunt down the third base line and Torgeson followed with a pop fly that looked as though it would drop safely in short center.

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But Tucker, playing in the outfield for the first time in the series, came tearing in to make a fine running catch and Dark, who had strayed too far down toward second, was doubled at first.

In the second inning the Braves advanced a little further when Bob Elliott opened with an infield hit, advanced to second on a balk, the second to be committed in as many days by a Cleveland hurler, and dashed to third on Marvin Rickert's fly that sent Tucker to the center field fence.

But Elliott was stranded there as Bill Salkeld grounded down the first base line and Mike McCormick bounced one to Keltner.

The Indians scored in the third. Dale Mitchell opened the round with a two-bagger down the left-field line. Voiselle disposed of Doby on the end of a fly to Rickert in left but Boudreau sliced a drive down the right-field line.

Tommy Holmes tore across for it at top speed and though he got his glove on the ball, he couldn't hold it. He even over-ran it a bit so that Mitchell had ample time to score, despite having hung up at second, while Boudreau pulled into second for a double.

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Stanky Held at Third

Voiselle quickly disposed of Gordon and Keltner, but the Indians were one in front and the crowd lapsed into silence. Its hopes were raised briefly in the same round when the Braves again maneuvered a runner around to third. This time Stanky, still as tough a target for opposing pitchers as ever, got a pass, advanced to second on Voiselle's sacrifice and reached third on Holmes' single to left. It was a hard-hit ball and Stanky, still not running any too well on the ankle he fractured in mid-season, had no chance to beat a throw to the plate.

That was a bad break for the National Leaguers, for Dark slapped a sharp grounder squarely into Lemon's hands, which the Tribe hurler promptly converted into a double play by way of Boudreau and Robinson.

In the fourth the Braves drew even amid a terrific uproar. With one down, Elliott launched the drive by again outgalloping an infield hit down the third-base line. Rickert flied out to Mitchell in left, but Salkeld walked, McCormick lined a single into center and Elliott raced over the plate.

Stanky drew his second pass to fill the bases. But with two down and Voiselle at bat, Lemon experienced no great difficulty rubbing out big Bill on a grounder to Gordon.

The Braves were on even terms again and the fans took heart. But the tie was broken in the sixth when Gordon, first man at the plate, ran the count up to one and two, lifted a towering fly toward right that just cleared the high barrier in left for a four-bagger.

Tucker Draws a Pass

Keltner fouled out. Then Tucker drew a pass and Robinson followed with a single to right that swept Tucker around to third. Jim Hegan smashed a sharp grounder to Elliott. He came up with the ball and started what the folks fervently hoped would be an inning-ending double play.

But as Stanky at second spun around to send the ball on its way to first, Robinson slid into him and the former Dodger, caught off balance, threw just a trifle wide.

Tucker scored and the break was a tough one for Voiselle. For the right-hander, who wears "96" on his shirt to remind folks he hails from Ninety-six, S. C., even though he now resides in Mustang, Okla., did a mighty nice job in his first start in the series.

Trailing by two runs, he had to vacate for a pinch-hitter in the last of the seventh and that a tie with the Red Sox, facing an unprecedented play-off which they won right here in Boston.

In the series, after losing the opener here, they appeared on their way to a swift clean-up in Cleveland only to come down with a fearful crash in the fifth game. But today, as so many times previously this season, the resourceful Boudreau showed that his players still had the "winning class" when the chips were down and few will deny their final triumph was well merited.

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As for the Braves, their sensational about-face yesterday, followed by their grim fight today raised their stock considerably. For a time they seemed one of the weakest teams ever to appear in a world series. But they came roaring out of the doldrums with an 11-5 victory in the fifth game and though beaten today, they gave their constituents the satisfaction of knowing they had put up the good fight.

brought Spahn, whose brilliant relief work had clinched yesterday's triumph in Cleveland, to the mound.

Spahn, though he was to wind up with four flashy strikeouts, had trouble for a brief period when he gave up a run in the eighth. With one down, Keltner singled off the southpaw's glove. Tucker and Robinson followed with successive singles to right and the run Keltner carted home proved the winner.

Lemon Is Taken Out

A single to center by Holmes launched the Braves' last-ditch stand in the eighth against Lemon, who, up to then, had given up six hits but only one tally. Dark flied out, but Torgeson's double put Holmes on third and when Elliott, who had clicked off three straight hits, drew a walk, filling the bases, Boudreau made his momentous decision, and Bearden strode in from the bullpen.

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Southworth also invoked some master-minding, sending Clint Conatser up to bat for Rickert. His best was a long fly to center that sent Holmes in with the first run of the inning.

Phil Masi, batting for Salkeld, brought the crowd to its feet with a drive that headed for the left-field barrier. But it could climb no higher than the lower half of the fence and as the ball was retrieved Torgeson scored and Elliott pulled up at third.

Here Mike McCormick strove desperately to come through with a hit. He slammed the ball hard, but it went close to the pitcher's mound and Bearden fielded it, tossed to first and the Braves' big bid was over.

Though he failed to finish, Lemon received credit for the victory and thus became the only two-game winner of the series.

Pick Up All the Marbles

So the Indians finally picked up all the marbles. In mid-September they appeared hopelessly out of the race for the American League flag. At that time they trailed the Red Sox by five games in the "lost column" and the Yankees by three. They came on with a rush to take the lead, flubbed a couple of chances in the closing days to clinch it outright, and wound up in

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Alonza Smith

NEGRO FIELDER TO INDIANS

Jul. Jul.

Cleveland to Send Smith to Wilkes-Barre Farm Club

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ST. LOUIS, July 12 (AP) — The Indians have signed Alonza Smith, Negro outfielder of the Cleveland Buckeyes, and are sending him to their Wilkes-Barre (Pa.) farm club of the Eastern League, President Bill Veeck of the Indians announced today.

New York

At Wilkes-Barre Smith will be the second Negro added to the roster. The other now with the club is Fred Thomas.

7-13-48

Two Negroes, Larry Doby and Pitcher Satchel Paige, are on the Indian squad. Paige, long famed for his pitching with the Kansas City Monarchs and in exhibition games, was acquired only recently.

FIRST NEGRO PLAYS IN CLASS A EASTERN LOOP

Columbia Record
Columbia. S.C

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., July 5—(AP)—Fred Thomas, 23-year-old Negro outfielder, banged out two hits in eight times at bat, stole a base and drove in a run yesterday as the first member of his race to play in the class A Easterr league.

Thomas, who attended Assumption college at Windsor, Ontario, and served three years with the Royal Canadian Air Force, played with the Wilkes-Barre Barons in both games of a twin bill against Scranton.

Mon. 7-5-48

Thomas, signed by Bill Veeck of the Cleveland Indians, went hitless in three times at the plate in the first game, but collected two singles in five times at bat in the nightcap. Wilkes-Barre won the second game 4-3 in 11 innings after dropping the opener 6-3.

Weighing 195 pounds, Thomas stands 6 feet 2 inches, bats left handed and throws right.

Pro Cage Quintets Quit National Loop

Daily World

Atlanta, Ga.

BASKETBALL: BIG CITIES VS. SMALL TOWNS

NEW YORK—(ANP) — Fanning the breeze about the basketball situation, which saw four key teams desert the National Basketball league and go to its rival, Basketball Association of America, Dolly King, who should know what he is talking about, says it is the perennial question of "big city vs. little city." Tues.

"The BAA has all of the big cities," Dolly said, "and the National has been impressed with 18,000 attendance figures reported at some of the BAA games.

"Of ocurse, the smaller cities are not capable of bringing such crowds but you are at least assured of loyal support and a full house every game. 5-18-48

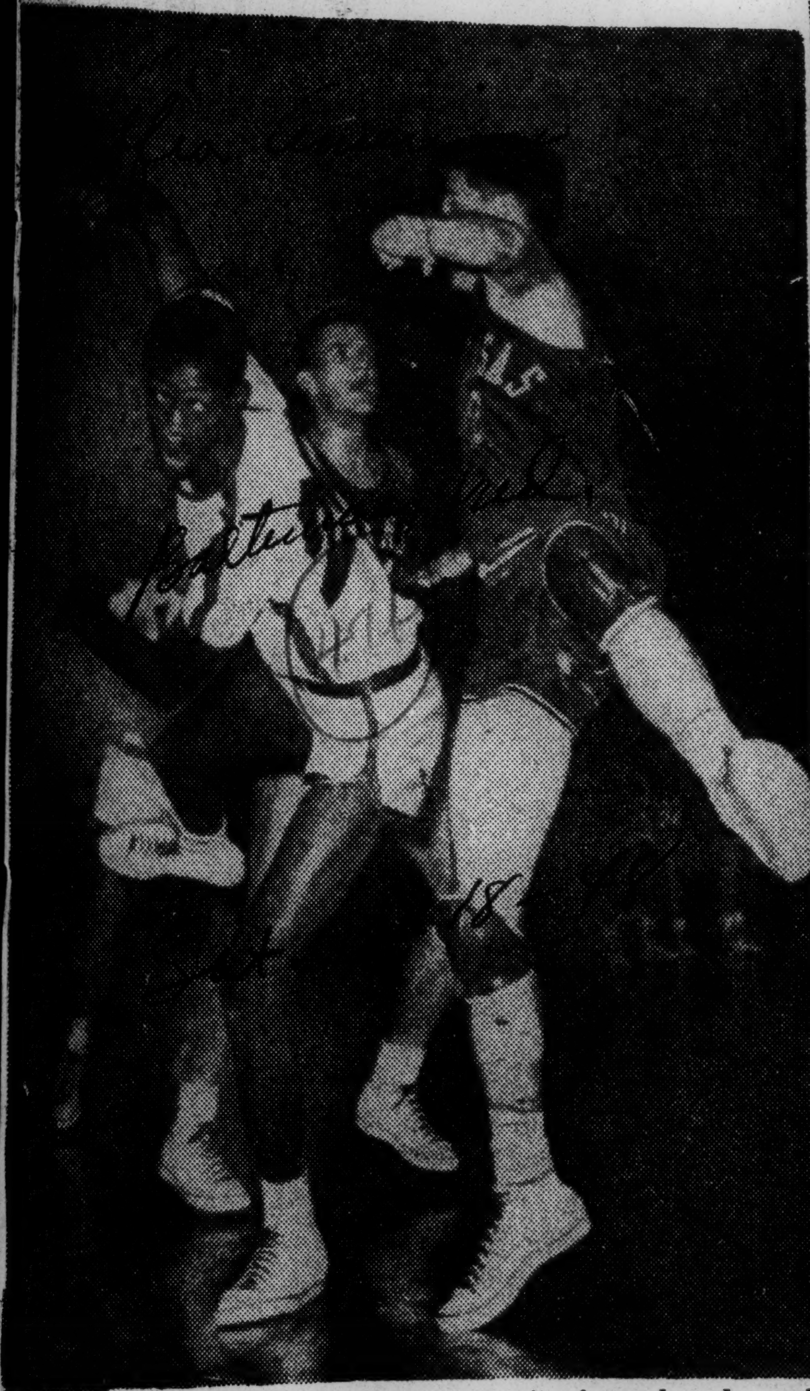
"In Fort Wayne, the top capacity was 4,500. You could count on this figure every time the team played. And the team was a matter of civic pride. The same held true in Oshkosh and other cities with moderate populations.

On the drawbacks however was the out of the way locations of these towns and the inaccessibility by direct transportation. To get to Fort Wayne from some towns, you'd have to make a railroad trip and then take a bus. Getting out of the towns was the same problem. In some cities, you'd just have to sit around in beer gardens for four or five hours before you could get a train out. Daily World

"But the small cities have always supported the game and will continue to do so. Just how this shift will affect the National league, which couldn't begin to pay the huge salaries the BAA dangled for stellar players, is a matter to be considered. The little fellows will have their basketball even if the big basketball leagues try to bypass them. Atlanta, Ga.

"But perhaps the same story will happen that was the story of pro-football. Remember when the teams from Latrobe, Massilon, Canton, Pottsville, Frankfort, Stapleton, Rock Island and the like made up the National Professional Football league?" (43) 5-18-48

Basketball Ballet



Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.
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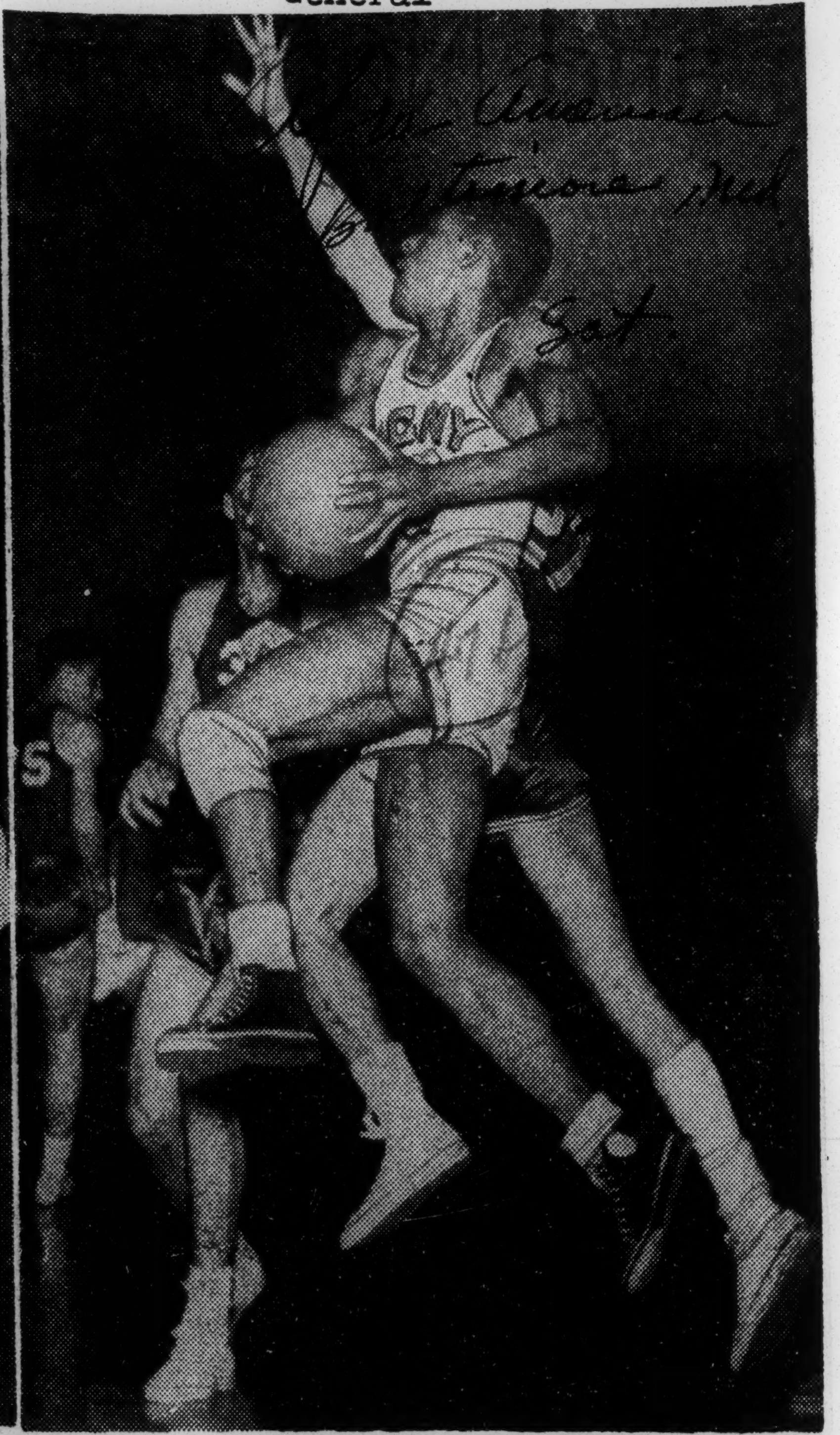
Sat.

Sherman White (left), Long Island University forward, and guard Cliff Horton, of Arkansas University, trip a light fandango for the benefit of cage fans at Madison Square Garden as LIU scores a 56-42 victory.



Afro-American
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Sonny Jameson's high-in-the-air twist nets a basket for City College of New York, despite the blocking efforts of Harold Salmon, Southern Methodist guard. But SMU won the Madison Square Garden battle, 62-56.

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RENS TO PLAY IN DAYTON

N. Y. Negro Five to Take Over as Detroit Franchise Is Moved

New York Times
12-18-48
New York, N.Y.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17 (AP)—The Detroit franchise of the National Basketball League was switched today to Dayton, Ohio, because of dwindling attendance.

The New York Rens, one of the outstanding Negro teams in the nation, will represent Dayton as the Dayton Rens. They will start play Sunday night, meeting the Anderson (Ind.) Packers.

The Detroit team, which only won two out of 18 games, is reported to have dropped $11,000.

The transfer was authorized by Ike W. Duffey, Anderson, Ind., president of the league, and Doxie Moore. commissioner.

C. C. N. Y. Five Lacks Depth, Holman Moans

New York Herald Tribune
New York, New York

Beavers Weakened by Loss of Nadell, Benson, Out With Instep Fractures

Wed. 11-24-48

By Everett B. Morris

If Ronnie Nadell, mainspring of last winter's freshman team, and Mason Benson, tallest of his holdover regulars, had less brittle insteps, Nat Holman would be looking forward to his thirtieth season as varsity basketball coach at City College with aplomb and serenity befitting the old professor.

But because these young athletes managed to suffer metatarsal fractures before they had had an opportunity to fire so much as one shot in defense of the Lavender's honor on the court, the Master of St. Nicholas Heights is viewing with some trepidation the rugged twenty-four-game schedule on which his heroes will embark tomorrow night.

Queens College, by no means an overwhelming power, will be the medium through which Professor Nat introduces his 1948-'49 vehicle to the critical clients who perch on the benches in the gymnasium on Convent Avenue.

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Paterson Teachers Next

Two days later comes another exercise with Paterson State Teachers, then a week's rest and then the show is really on the road.

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This road would, in prospect at least, be less tortuous, less rocky, if Nadell and Benson had their health or early prospects of regaining it. Their absence cuts into the Beavers' depth and that hurts.

"We have experience, quite a lot of it here and there," Holman said yesterday, "but we're thin in reserves. And if we run into a really good big man some night we're really going to be in trouble."

When the Master was organizing his personnel for this season, he established two working units in his varsity squad, a group comprising thirteen holdovers and four lads brought up from the freshman entourage of last season to replace four departed lettermen.

Work for Two Units

One of these units was made up of eight more or less experienced hands and Nadell. The other had four exponents of Nat's squirrel-cage ball-freezing technique whirling around the six-foot seven-inch frame of Leroy Watkins. It was his plan to employ thes eseparately, the first to play the great bulk of the time and the other to go out there to whizz the ball around and make the enemy's head spin while the starters took a breathing spell.

He still hopes to employ this two-unit system although in an emergency he might have to put Watkins in with the first group to battle under the boards with someone too tall for the regulars to handle.

Tomorrow, Holman will start a well-tested quintet which has Hilty Shapiro, a solid, poised senior, and Meyer Wittlin, a junior who progressed rapidly toward the end of last season, in the playmaking spots.

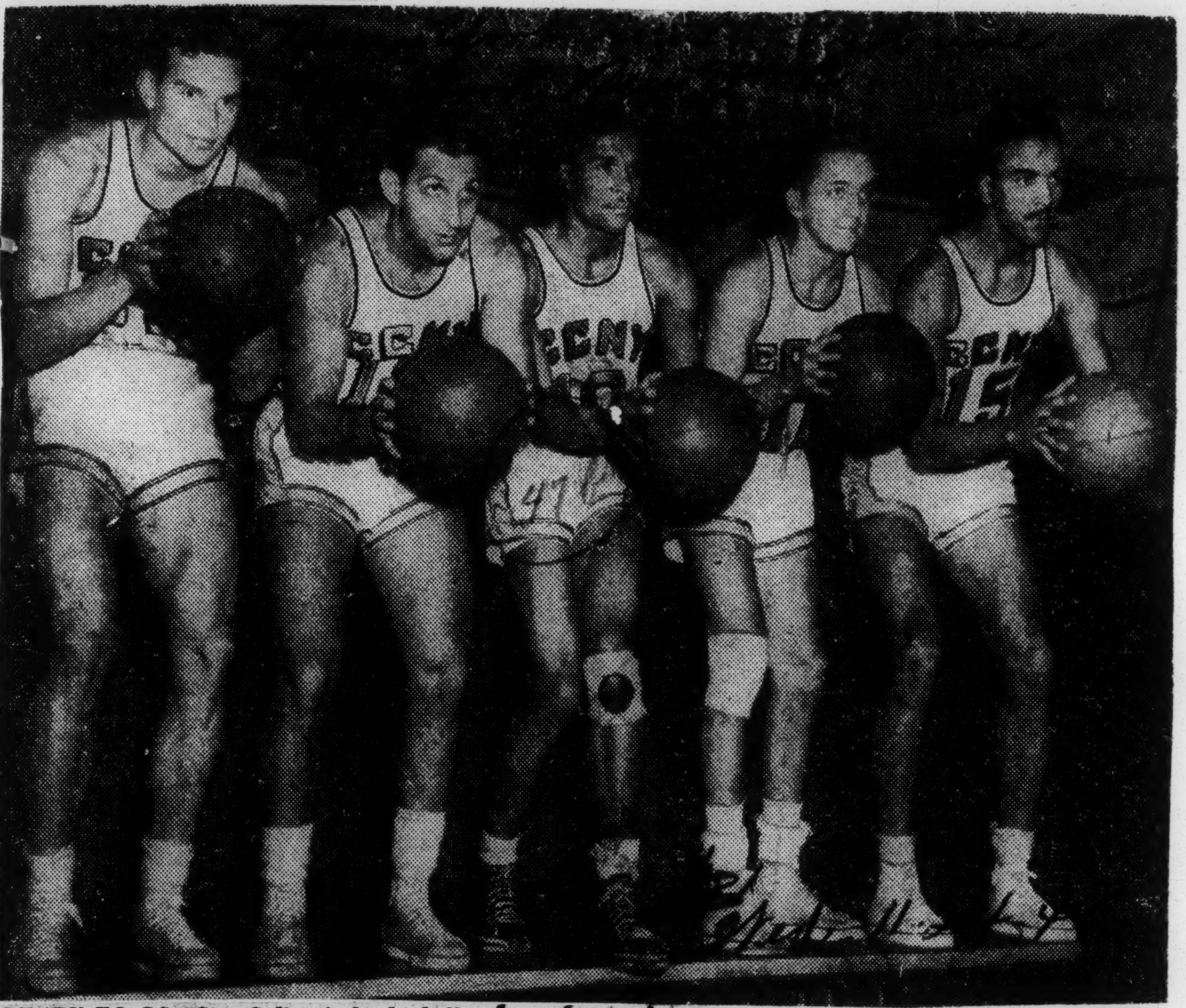
Jameson, Dambrot Up Front

Sonny Jameson, the slick, rapid Negro with three years of varsity experience behind him, and Irwin Dambrot, tall, deft, one-hand push shot expert, are up front. Joe Galiber, the heaviest man on the squad (205), will be the center.

Paul Malamed, one of the three co-captains—Shapiro and Jameson, share the job with him—and Norman (Bones) Mager, tall, skinny junior, are now the only first line replacements. Nadell, a 170-pound six-footer, was to have helped in this department and Benson was scheduled to divide the center chores with Galiber.

Both of the pivot men, Holman aserted, were much improved over their 1947-48 form and were "playing pretty good ball." Benson's agile ix-five frame will be missed under the boards until he throws away his crutches and works back into condition. Galiber will have to carry the load with some help from Mager, until that time.

Wed. 11-24-48



READY TO GO—City College's basketball team as they lined up awaiting season's opener tomorrow. Left to right: Irwin Dambrot, Hilton Shapiro, co-captain; Spencer Jameson, co-captain; Meyer Wittlin and Joseph Galiber. Herald Tribune—Frank

New York Herald Tribune
New York, New York Wed. 11-24-48

John Wilson Third Highest Scorer

ANDERSON, Ind. — (ANP) — "Jumping" Johnny Wilson, all state center of Anderson college, landed third place among the nation's basketball scorers by ringing up 565 points in 23 games for a 24.6 average. Last year as a freshman he landed eighth place with 515 points which was a new Indiana state scoring record. This year he cracked that record and landed third place.

Black Dispatch
Oklahoma City, Okla.
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Johnny Wilson Makes All-State Team Again

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INDIANAPOLIS — (ANP) — Jumping Johnny Wilson of Anderson College made the all-Indiana State College five once again by a unanimous choice of the eight coaches in the conference.

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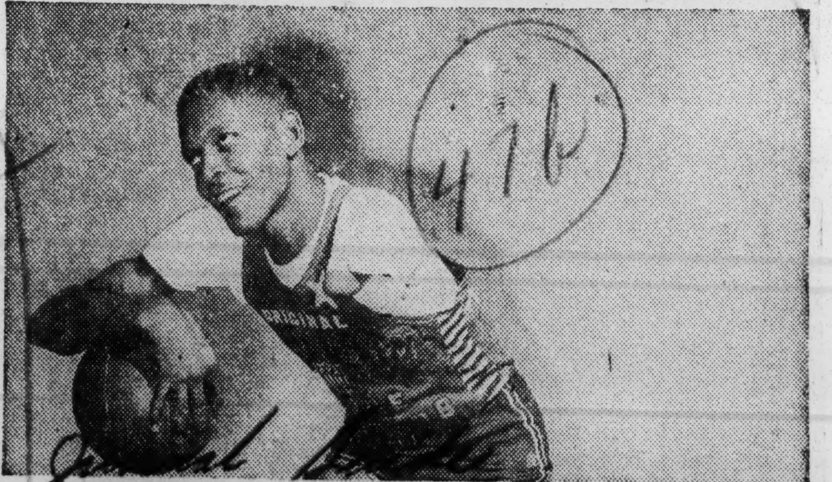
One-Armed Sensation At Norfolk February 28



Boid Buie, sensational one-armed Kansas City Stars basketball ace, who is scheduled to see action along with the team members of the Harlem Globetrotters, the Stars, the All-Hawaii Stars and the Philadelphia Sphas at the Norfolk Arena Saturday, Feb. 28, in a double-header basketball attraction replete with added attractions including Jesse Owens, Olympic champ; a Hawaiian show troupe and a champion table tennis team.

Norfolk, Va.
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Bee Reaffirms Stand

Long Island Not To Play Jimcro Tilts

Journal Guide

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Coach Clair Bee Ignores Bid To "Lily White" Tournament

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—(NNPA)—Reaffirming that Long Island University is not interested in playing in any tournament or against any cage team which draws the color line, Clair Bee, LIU coach, last Monday dismissed reports that the Blackbirds are slated for a local district tournament, the winner of which would qualify for the National Intercollegiate Basketball Association championship in Kansas City next month.

Reports from Buffalo stated that L. I. U., Siena, Hofstra and Oswego State Teachers had manifested interest in such an elimination series in New York on March 5 and 6.

Revealing that he had suggested such a tournament idea some time ago, Bee asserted that L. I. U. could not go along with the plan if the NIAB maintained its stand against colored cagers at Kansas City. Two of the Blackbird stars, Anderson and McQueen, are colored.

DISMISSED BID

"Last year I received a call from Kansas City asking if L. I. U. would care to play there. But when I heard that Negroes were barred, I turned the bid down. Our position remains the same today. It's up to them to change their stand.

"It goes without saying that if we received a bid from the National Invitation tournament, we could not consider any other post-season offer. The Invitation event, in my mind, is the greatest in the country because it's the toughest."

Bee got a taste of Jim Crow in basketball some years ago in his own home town of Huntington, W. Va., against Marshall College. When the Blackbirds arrived at the hotel they were told that Dolly King, their star, could not sleep there.

"If King doesn't stay, none of us will," was Bee's report. Clair won his point. King ate, slept and played with the others."

Journal

Coach Clair Bee of the Long Island basketball team is here pictured with the two Negro players on this year's squad. They are George McQueen, a 24-year-old physical therapy student, who is a native New Yorker, and Eddie Anderson, 23-year-old Ansonia, Conn., physical education student. Because Negro players are barred from participation in the National Invitation Tourney in Kansas City, Coach Blair has refused to accept an invitation to the tourney. "If Anderson and McQueen can't play, LIU will not consider an invitation," said Coach Bee. (Chick Solomon Photo.)

#7b 1948 National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball

No Negroes, But College Shuns Meet

Des Moines Register
Des Moines, Iowa
3-4-48
Thurs

NEW YORK, N. Y. (U.P.) — Manhattan college Wednesday withdrew from the National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball tournament at Kansas City, charging that the tourney contract included a "racial discrimination" clause.

The Rev. Dr. Eusebius, F.S.C., Manhattan's director of athletics, said that Rule 2 of the contract sent to the college by the tournament specifically stated that "colored students are not eligible" to compete.

Manhattan has no Negro players on its squad, but Brother Eusebius said "the college felt compelled to withdraw as a protest against the clause.

Des Moines Register
Des Moines, Iowa
Thurs 3-4-48

He said the clause was not noticed when Manhattan announced its acceptance of an invitation to the tournament last week.

It was discovered by a student group studying interracial problems and college authorities immediately took steps to reconsider their participation.

Siena college of Albany, winner of 12, loser of six in regular play, will replace Manhattan.

Denver U. announced it will send its basketball team to the N.A.I.B. tournament. 3-4-48

Brigham Young, champion of the Skyline Six conference, with which Denver is affiliated, earlier entered the tournament.

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WILKINS LAUDS MANHATTAN COLLEGE

NEW YORK, March 12--Action of Manhattan College in refusing to participate in the tournament of the National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball, because colored players were barred, was praised by Roy Wilkins, assistant secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. N.A.A.C.P. - N.Y., N.Y.

In a letter dated March 8, to the Reverend B. Thomas, President of Manhattan College, Mr. Wilkins congratulated the school and its team on portesting against color discrimination even though there were no Negroes on the school team. Following the refusal of Manhattan and Siena Colleges to participate, the NAIB lifted the color ban.

Thu. 3-12-48

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Term Ban 'Against Catholic Principles'

P.M.
New York, N.Y.
Thurs 3-4-48

By JOHN WENTWORTH

A rule which Manhattan College officials feel is "against Catholic principles" was given as the reason for the withdrawal yesterday of that school's basketball team from the National Intercollegiate Basketball Assn. tournament at Kansas City.

A spokesman for the college's athletic office said yesterday afternoon that tournament officials "have just been informed by wire that we are withdrawing from the tourney because we feel one of its rules is against our principles."

This rule states that no Negro players shall be allowed to participate in the tournament which is scheduled to get under way next week. Manhattan's decision was made despite the fact that there are no Negroes on its squad.

Would Have Represented New York-New Jersey

Manhattan, which boasts an 18-5 record, was to have represented the New York and New Jersey areas in the tournament. P.M.

Coach Ken Norton's quintet is slated to play St. Bonaventure at Buffalo tonight and will meet St. Francis in the Fordham gym Saturday night. Original plans called for the squad to embark for the West immediately after the St. Francis game. New York, N.Y.

An athletic office spokesman at Manhattan said that, following orders from the Director of Athletics, Brother Eusebius, a wire was sent to NIBA officials Tuesday stating that unless the rule barring Negro players were rescinded, Manhattan would not participate. The answer from Kansas was that "at this date" it could not be.

Two weeks ago, prior to the tournament selections, Coach Clair Bee of Long Island University said that his team wanted "no part" of the NIBA tourney because of this rule. 3-4-48

Two Negroes, Ed Anderson and George McQueen, are members of Bee's squad.

47b 1948 Professional (Larry Doby)

From The Basketball Notebook

47b Pro.

Daily Worker New York, N.Y. Wed. 1-7-48

LARRY DOBY, Cleveland infielder and the second Negro ball player to crack big league baseball, is currently playing basketball for the Paterson team of the American Basketball League. Larry was a high scoring courtster in high school. His teammates at Paterson include Mangiapane, of NYU, Schechtman of LIU, Mullen of Fordham and Murphy of Manhattan. Which makes the Paterson team's composition something from right out of Ballad for Americans. 1-7-48

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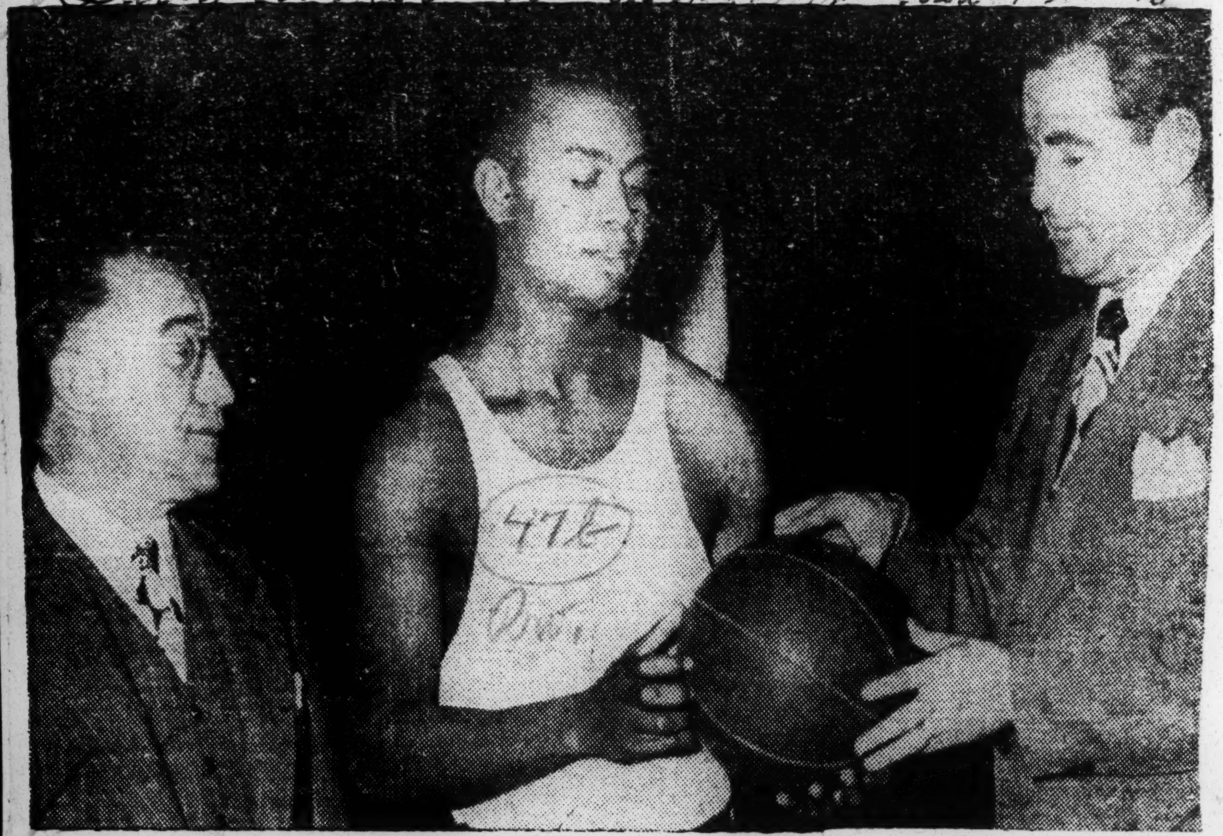
AS LARRY DOBY MADE PATERSON COURT DEBUT

Daily Worker New York, N.Y. Wed. 1-21-48



47b Pro.

LARRY DOBY, 22-year-old Paterson, New Jersey athlete who made baseball history by becoming the first Negro in the American League, is shown doing some more of the same in basketball last Saturday night. He is pictured with coach Leo Merson, ex LIU star, right, and team owner Samuel Bozza left, just before making his Paterson debut. He played well and was cheered to the echo by the home town fans. Following the Doby signing the Brooklyn Gothams of the same league signed another Negro player, Prescott Wilcott. Doby, incidentally, has just signed his 1948 Cleveland contract at a raise in salary. Daily Worker New York, N.Y.

Wed. 1-21-48

Fri. 2-13-48

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'Goose' Tatum

Tatum and Strong, Globetrotter Stars, Billed At Armory

Fri. 2-13-48

Extra large physical proportions formerly handicapped athletes, made them awkward, in in the cases of Harlem Globetrotter stars Reece "Goose" Tatum and Ted Strong they work to advantage. This pair, who'll play against New York Celtics in the sports circus at the Armory February 21, gained national recognition through their gargantuan proportions.

Tatum has a reach of 84 inches, two inches longer than the giant Primo Carnera, and Strong spans 15 inches with his hand. Tatum stands 6 feet 3 inches, and weighs 198 pounds, and leads the Globetrotter pointmakers in their 100-win streak. Strong towers 6 feet, 3 inches, and weighs 215 pounds. Fri. 2-13-48

Globetrotters Win In Hawaii

Daily World

Atlanta, Ga.

HONOLULU —(ANP)— The Harlem Globetrotters have arrived and opened their third annual basketball show here. They took on the Police A. C. Hawaiian Basketball Association champions, in a nip and tuck game at the Civic auditorium last Monday night, April 4, and scored a 48 to 36 victory. Wed.

Abe Saperstein is very pleased to be back in Hawaii and to "play basketball with the fine boys in the islands." His court wizards are carrying out their antics and tactics as always. 4-14-48

Ted Strong is back and proving the great showman that he has always been. The spectators never tire of his ball handling.

Elmer Robinson is good as a long range shooter and a sure tally man, while Babe Pressley and Duckey Moore are displaying plenty of speed In fact it can be said that Abe Saperstein's Crew is much better than the outfit that was here previously.

The Famed Harlem Globetrotters have played the Fritos April 5 and the All-Hawaii Stars before a crowd of 6,000 and the news of their many funny acts will bring many more fans before they leave. Wed.

They took the All-Hawaiis 44-38 at the Civic Wednesday night.

Harlem boys really turned on the heat in the first three quarters and piled up all the scores needed to insure victory and went into basket antics that almost put the fans in the aisles. Daily World

Sam Wheller scored 17 points and moved so fast over the floor that it took the Hawaii All Stars much time to locate him. Atlanta, Ga.

Babe Pressley, top rated defensive star in American pro-basketball and captain of the Globetrotters, bagged 13 markers. Elmer Robinson held his own by tallying six. Baid Buie is also pleasing all fans. 4-10-48

No Laughing Matter

Time

Chicago, Ill.

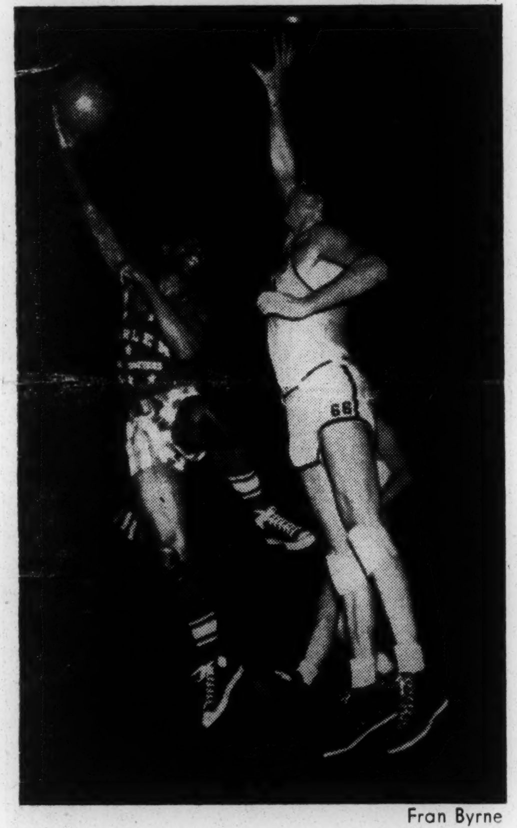
The Harlem Globetrotters, pro-basketballers, are so good that they spend most of their time playing for laughs. Up to last week they had won 101 games this season and lost none. Usually they so far outclassed their opposition that spectators seldom glanced at the scoreboard. They paid to see the famed Negro team do their tricks (rolling the ball down their arms, through the enemy's legs, or lining up in formation like a football team). The team's star: Reece ("Goose") Tatum, whose huge hands dangle gorilla-fashion almost to his knees, and who handles a basketball the way most people handle an orange. The problem was to find a good enough team to make Tatum & Co. settle down to serious basketball.

Mon. 3-1-48

Time

Last week they found one—the Minneapolis Lakers, one of the best white pro teams in the U.S. A crowd of 17,823 jammed into Chicago Stadium to see the fun. At halftime, the Trotters were trailing 32-23, and blamed it on being "tensed up"; they had played five games in five nights and were a little tired. Goose Tatum wasn't having much luck against towering (6 ft. 9) George Mikan, the glamor boy of college basketball two years ago. But in the third quarter, Tatum and his mates began to loosen up. Chicago, Ill.

Only once did the Trotters try any of their tricks. A Trotter rolled the ball between a Minneapolis player's legs to Tatum, who snatched up the ball, whirled and scored a basket. Otherwise they were too busy trying to hold off Mikan (reportedly a $15,000-a-year man), who scored 24 points. Mon. 3-1-48



Fran Byrne

GOOSE TATUM (WITH BALL) & MIKAN

A little too busy.

With 90 seconds to play, Tatum was put out on fouls. The score was tied at 59-all and the crowd held its breath as the Globetrotters weaved nearer & nearer the basket. Just before the gun ended the game, the ball was flipped to dead-eye Ermer Robinson, who was in the clear. Ermer didn't miss. Score: Globetrotters 61, Minneapolis 59. Had they tried, the Trotters couldn't have written the script better. Time Chicago, Ill.

47b 1948 Professional (Prescott Wilcox)

Court Jimcro Dies in B'klyn

47b Pro Daily Worker

New York, N.Y. Fri 1-23-48

Another ancient Jimcrow sports barrier goes toppling tonight in Brooklyn when Prescott Wilcox takes the floor for the Brooklyn Gothams to become the first Negro signed by metropolitan team in organized basketball.

Wilcox makes his debut at the Broadway Arena, Broadway and Halsey Street, against the Trenton Tigers in an American League game. He is a student at CCNY but couldn't go out for the City team because he couldn't afford to practice and needed a salary in order to continue his studies.

Wilcox formerly played a year with the Youngstown, Ohio, University team and was rated a star. Gotham coach Bob Greenberg, after watching him work out a few times, said "he can't miss." The Gothams have won only one game at home this year and are deep in the league standings.

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Wilcox reaction to the signing was **"I'm happy to be breaking in with the Brooklyn team. This is where Jackie Robinson did a bit of trail blazing."** New York, N.Y.

He is the third Negro player to be signed up in the American League this year, following Knight of Hartford and Doby of Paterson.

16,892 Cheering Fans See Rens Fail In Title Quest

(47b)

Daily World

Atlanta, Ga.

CHICAGO — (ANP) — Failure at the free throw line cost the New York Renaissance cagers to lose the game of the World Championship Basketball tournament at the Chicago stadium Sunday night, April 11 before 16,892 fans.

George Mikan scored 40 points as his Minneapolis Lakers defeated the Rens 75 to 71. Nathaniel Clifton, a former DuSable high school star, scored 24 points to lose in his duel with Mikan for game scoring honors and tournament point-making leadership.

Wed. 4-14-48

The Rens reached the finals by easily defeating the Bridgeport, Conn., New England champions, 67 to 51, Thursday. Clifton scored 28 points and could have scored more if he had tried.

On Friday they whipped the Moline Tri-City Blackhawks, 59 to 55 in the semi-finals. Clifton scored 19 points as his teammates stopped Bobby MsDemott and held him to only 6 points. In this game the Rens made 23 out of 28 free throws to win.

Against Minneapolis, however, the Rens could connect in only 15 out of 31 free shots. The Lakers made 19 out of 22, the four point margin of victory.

After fouling against Mikan three times in the first five minutes of the game. Clifton was held out of the game until the second quarter was nearly out. Dolly King also fouled the Minneapolis giant three times as the Lakers took a one point lead at the end of the first quarter and a 43-35 edge at the half.

Wed. 4-14-48

LAKERS TOOK LEAD

After making 28 points in the first half, Mikan was held to only 12 in the second with Clifton back in the game. "Sweetwater" connected for most of his tallies in this half, including 12 in the third period to reduce the Lakers margin to 57-55.

Daily World

After taking the lead early in the fourth quarter, the Rens faded and the Lakers came out on top 75-71.

The Lakers and Rens were both pre-tournament favorites with Mikan and Clifton expected to put on an individual scoring duel. Mikan tallied for a three game count of 83 to break all tournament records. Clifton looped 71 points which also broke the old meet records but was only good enough for second behind Mikan.

Daily World

FREE THROW IMPORTANT

Along with Sonny Woods, Clifton, the Rens' hero was also part cause for their defeat because each man misesd six free chances. Woods missed six of six.

Atlanta, Ga.

Wed. 4-14-48

LAKERS (75)	B	F	P
Pollard, f	6	2	5
Jaros, f	0	0	4
Mikan, c	14	12	4
Schaefer, g	3	3	1
Dwan, g	1	0	2
Smith, f	1	1	2
Jergensen, f	1	1	3
Napolitano, g	2	0	2
TOTALS	28	19	23

RENS (71)	B	F	P
Crowe, f	6	0	4
Cumberland, f	5	4	1
Clifton, c	8	8	4
Woods, g	1	0	4
Gates, g	7	2	2
King, c	0	0	3
Usry, c	1	1	1
Younger, f	0	0	0
TOTALS 6	28	15	19

Free throws missed—Minneapolis Mikan 3; New York, Crowe, 2; Cumberland, Clifton, 6; Woods, 6 and Gates.

Rens blow pro cage title to Lakers at Chicago on freeball

The Tribune

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CHICAGO—The veteran New York Renaissance cagers came within an ace of winning their second pro world basketball title here last week at the Chicago stadium, but blew their chance, 74—71, to the Minneapolis Lakers.

Sat 4-24-48

The Lakers' mighty George Mikan led them to victory with a whopping 40-point scoring spree, beat out the Ren's Nathaniel Clifton, former Xavier U Star, for game and tournament high-scoring honors.

Muffing 16 out of 31 free tosses cost the Rens the title, as the Lakers squeezed out their four-point edge by sinking 19 of their 22 free shots.

The Rens went to the finals by beating Bridgeport, Conn., New England's champs, 67-51; and Moline, Illinois' Ti-City Blackhawks, 59-55.

Sat 4-24-48

In the title game, most of the breaks went to Minneapolis. In the first five minutes of the opening quarter, Clifton was set on the bench for three personal fouls against Mikan and had to stay out until the close of the second quarter. Dolly King also went out on fouls against Makin. And the half ended with the Lakers in front, 43-35.

(47b)

After making 28 points in the first half, Makin was hobbled down to 12 in the second by Clifton, who covered him. Clifton scored 12 points in the third quarter to bring the Rens up to within two points of the Lakers' 57.

For a short run in the fourth, the Rens took the lead, but pooped on the stretch, and got beat out before the gun.

Clifton, outstanding Ren performer was paradoxically one of the main reasons the Rens lost: like Sonny Woods, he missed six free shots. Makin, too, flopped at the free throw line: missed three out of three.

Makin tallied 83 points in the tournament to break the former record. Clifton's 71 points also broke the old mark.

Sat 4-24-48

47d 1948

Henry Armstrong, Manager, Handling Future 'Champion'

Advertiser
Montgomery, Ala.

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By JERRY LISKA

CHICAGO, Feb. 18—(AP)—Fight Manager Henry Armstrong, the one-time Hammerin' Henry who held three world titles, hopes to ride to glory again with a baby-faced scrapper from Utah.

Armstrong has set " a destiny" for himself with 18-year-old Keith Nuttall of Bingham—to become the first former champion to manage a champion.

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Nuttall holds two decisions over his Friday night foe, Marotta, one coming after a draw had been announced, but the referee walked home without turning in his card which favored Keith. Thur. 2-19-48

Nuttall's father, Morris, a former welterweight, rounds out a unique triumvirate. The three are always huddling over fistic strategy, and have worked together since Morris wrote Armstrong about his promising offspring five years ago.

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Armstrong Coming Back As Manager

PM New York, N.Y.
Fri. 2-20-48

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By Associated Press

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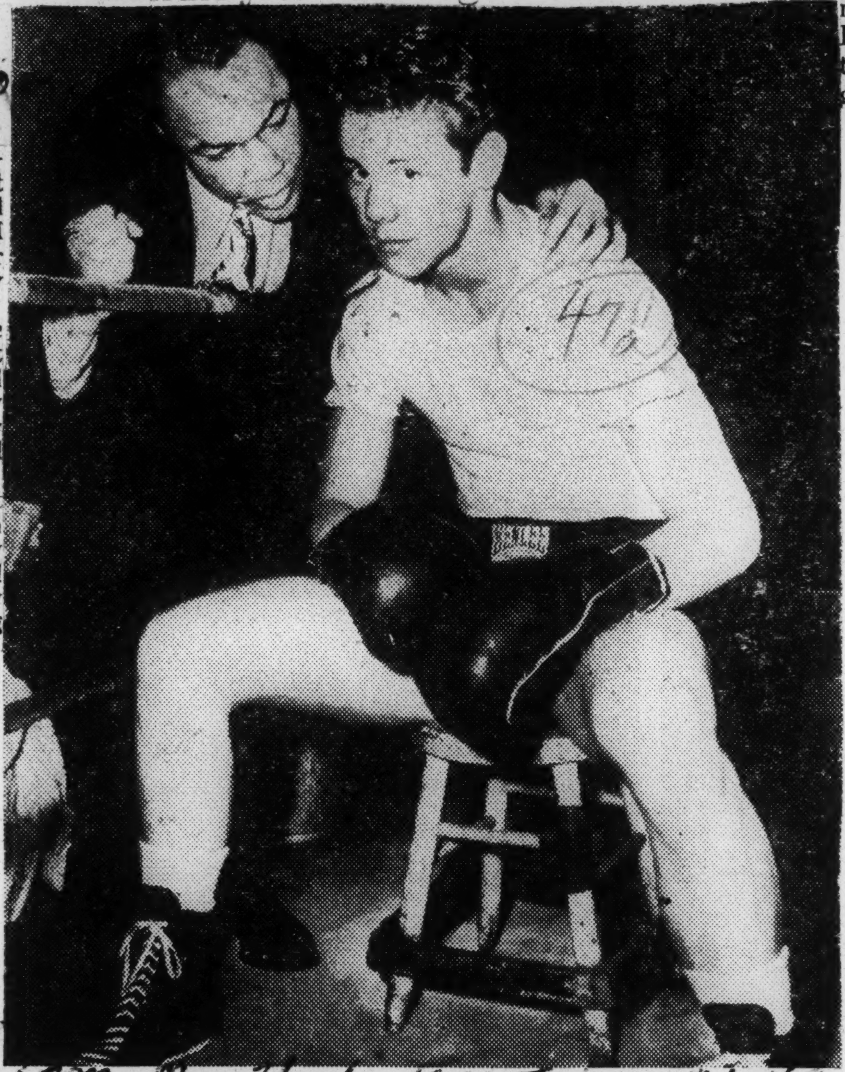

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PM New York, N.Y. Fri. 2-20-48

Hammerin' Henry Armstrong goes into a ringside gym huddle with his protege, Keith Nuttall, who is now being managed by the former feather, light and welterweight champ.

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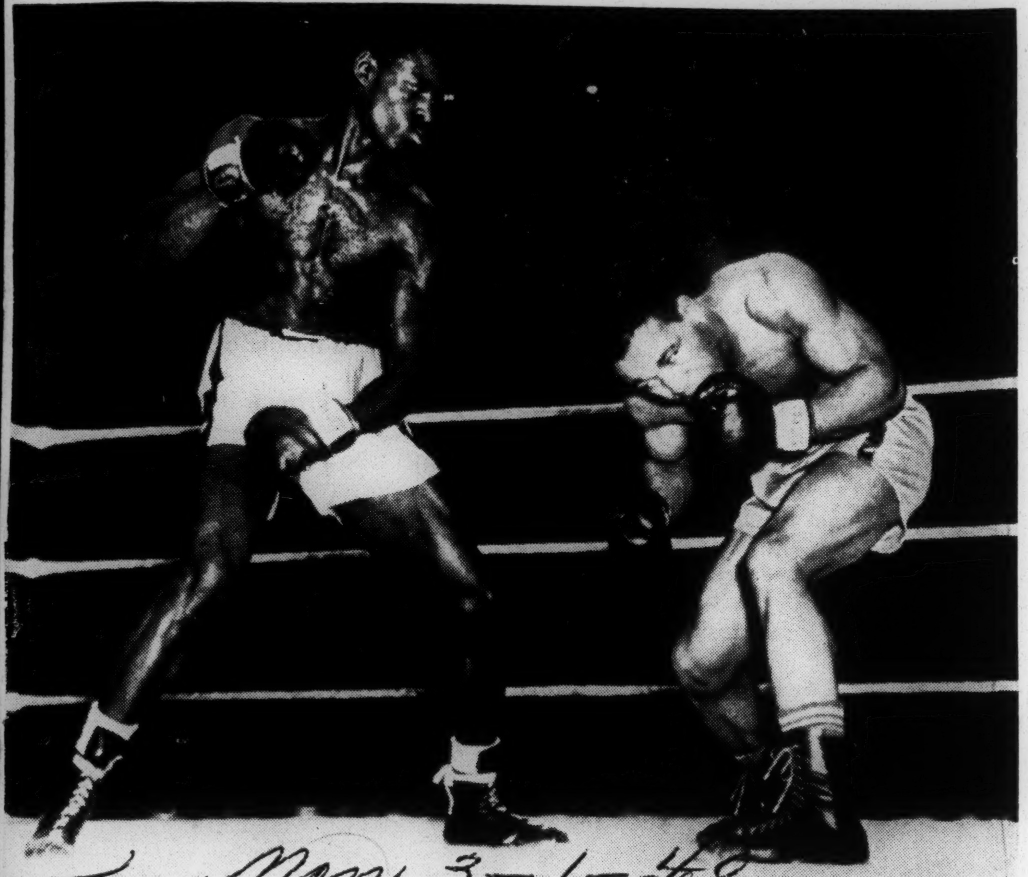

Associated Press

Time Mon. 3-1-48 Chicago, Ill.

DEAD AIM

In the fourth round, Light-Heavyweight Ezzard Charles got in this vicious left to the head. For six more rounds the punishing bombardment went on. Then Sam Baroudi, a game 20-year-old Negro who had won 40 of his 45 fights, went down. He lay there, eyes glazed, muscles twitching. A few hours later, in a Chicago hospital, he died of a brain hemorrhage, boxing's first fatality of 1948 (there were nine ring deaths last year). Baroudi's manager, who decided to leave town in a hurry, was found at the Chicago airport at 6 a.m., his bag in hand. Said he: "The kid's dead. So what? I can't bring him back to life, can I?" Six months ago, Baroudi himself had fatally injured an opponent in North Adams, Mass.

Daily Worker New York, N.Y.

DEATH IN THE RING—A pulmotor is used on Sam Baroudi, 20-year-old fighter who died Friday night after being KO'd in Chicago. For Lester Rodney's comment, see "Weekend Comment" on this page.

Basketball and Track

Daily Worker New York, N.Y.

IF ANYONE wanted to bring up the old argument about boxing as constituted being too brutal to continue, I wouldn't be too inclined to argue with him after reading of the death of Sam Baroudi and watching the Beau Jack-Terry Young fight. It sometimes take a terrible tragedy to suddenly reveal a lot of the filth and callousness operating in all too much of the boxing game.

Baroudi died without regaining consciousness after being KO'd by Ezzard Charleys. Who was he? He was a fighter, 20 years old, began fighting when 13, a ring "veteran." While he lay dying in a Chicago hospital, his manager, Mike Spinelli was boarding a plane to New York. How do you like that? Baroudi's purse for meeting the first contender for light heavy honors was $5,600. **OF THIS AMOUNT, SPINELLI HAD FOUR THOUSAND IN HIS POCKET AS HE WAS ABOUT TO BOARD THE PLANE!** How do you like **THAT?** Mon.

Then it was finally revealed by Al Warner, the dead fighter's trainer, that Baroudi had suffered injuries less than a year ago in a fight with "Major Joe" in Pittsfield, Mass. "He was hurt bad that night," Warner said, "His nose and mouth were bleeding in the 6th and 8th rounds."

Unless boxing can speedily stop this dirty, heartless exploitation of young boys trying to fight their way out of poverty, I'll raise my hand to any motion to end professional boxing altogether. 2-23-48

Illinois Probes Baroudi's Death

Daily Worker New York, N.Y. Mon 2-23-48

CHICAGO, Feb. 22 (UP).—The coroner and State's Attorney conducted separate investigations of Illinois boxing today as a result of the death of Sam Baroudi, Negro light heavyweight, from injuries suffered in a bout with Ezzard Charles Friday night.

Coroner A. L. Brodie empaneled a seven-man "blue-ribbon" jury and instructed them to go as far as they wished in digging into methods of promotion, match-making, and handling of professional fights in the state.

Assistant State's Attorney Dan Ryan was directing an independent investigation to learn who arranged the Charles-Baroudi fight, how it was done, and how it was conducted.

Both Brodie and Ryan said special investigators had been assigned to the case.

Official investigations opened at the inquest yesterday. Ryan and Brodie questioned Charles, his manager, Jane Mintz, Mike Spinelli, Baroudi's manager and others present in the ring and dressing room after the fatal fight.

Mintz, Spinelli and Charles all denied that Baroudi was overmatched against Charles, a Cincinnati Negro ranked as the logical contender for the light heavyweight championship. New York, N.Y.

"He was a rough boy," Charles testified, "but he never had me in trouble." Daily Worker

Mintz rated Baroudi as a good opponent and said he had turned down matches with the New York fighter in Akron and Buffalo because "he was too tough to fight for the money we could get in those towns."

A technical charge of manslaughter was placed against Charles and he was released on $5,000 bond.

Both managers were freed without charge under promise to return whenever necessary to help in the investigation. 2-23-48

Dead Boxer's Family Bears No Bitterness

PM New York, N.Y. Mon 2-23-48

Sam Baroudi's family hopes that Ezzard Charles will go on to win the light heavyweight title. Sam died Friday night as a result of being knocked out by Charles in the 10th round of their fight in Chicago.

Baroudi's father, a 55-year-old Akron rubber company worker, came to Chicago to claim the body of his son and told Charles, "This was a terrible accident. Our family bears no bitterness at all towards you. Don't give up your career. Go on and win the championship."

Baroudi, whose real name was Sam Crandall, Jr., took a bad beating in the last couple of rounds and finally went down from a blow to the stomach after 47 seconds of the final round. He was taken to his dressing room on a stretcher and when he showed signs of difficulty in breathing, a fire department pulmotor was used without effect. He was then rushed to a hospital, where he died of a cerebral hemorrhage without ever recovering consciousness.

Manager Ready To Fly Home

PM

The Crandall family may find it hard to forgive the men who handled the ring affairs of the 20-year-old youngster. While Baroudi lay dying, and Charles kept in constant touch with the hospital, Mike Spinelli, manager of Baroudi, and Sam Warner, his trainer, were trying to get a plane to New York. They were carrying Baroudi's share of the purse, $5000, which Spinelli said was owed to him by the dying fighter. New York, N.Y.

Leonard Caplan, a Chicago photographer, found them at the airport and quoted Spinelli as saying, "The kid is dead. So what? I can't help him now." Mon.

Admitted Injuries In Another Bout

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Spinelli, when called back to testify at a coroner's hearing on his fighter, explained his departure with, "I been around town a week. I ain't been feeling right, you know what I mean? I been down with the grippe. I want to get home the worst way to se the wife and kids."

At the same hearing, Warner admitted that Baroudi had suffered serious head injuries in a fight with Major Jones in Pittsfield, Mass. Warner claimed the fight was a year ago, but the coroner's jury found it was only a few months ago. 2-23-48

Dr. J. J. Drammis, Illinois State Athletic Commission physician, said he had not heard of these injuries and probably would not have allowed the fight to go on if he had known. Mon.

Last August, Glen Newton Smith died in a North Adams, Mass., hospital as a result of injuries suffered in a bout with Baroudi. A coroner's jury held no one at fault on that occasion.

Assistant State's Attorney Dan Ryan will launch an investigation of Friday night's fight. Charles, out on $5000 bond for a further coroner's hearing on Saturday, has offered to fight a benefit bout for Baroudi"s family.

Spinelli so far has not been reported as offering to share the purse with the Crandalls.

Death in the Ring

Newsweek N.Y.

In 45 bouts, 21-year-old Sam Baroudi of New York scored 40 victories and 23 knockouts, but there seemed to be a queer flaw in his luck. At Pittsfield, Mass., in 1946 the Negro light-heavyweight had hospitalized Marcus Lockman, another Negro, for a month with a severe brain concussion. At North Adams, Mass., in 1947 a Negro named Glen Smith had died a few hours after being knocked out by Baroudi. Mon. 3-1-48

In Chicago last week, Baroudi's 46th bout also ended fatally. This time the victim was Baroudi, who died of a brain hemorrhage after suffering the first knockdown of his career in the last round of a bout with Ezzard Charles, a Negro.

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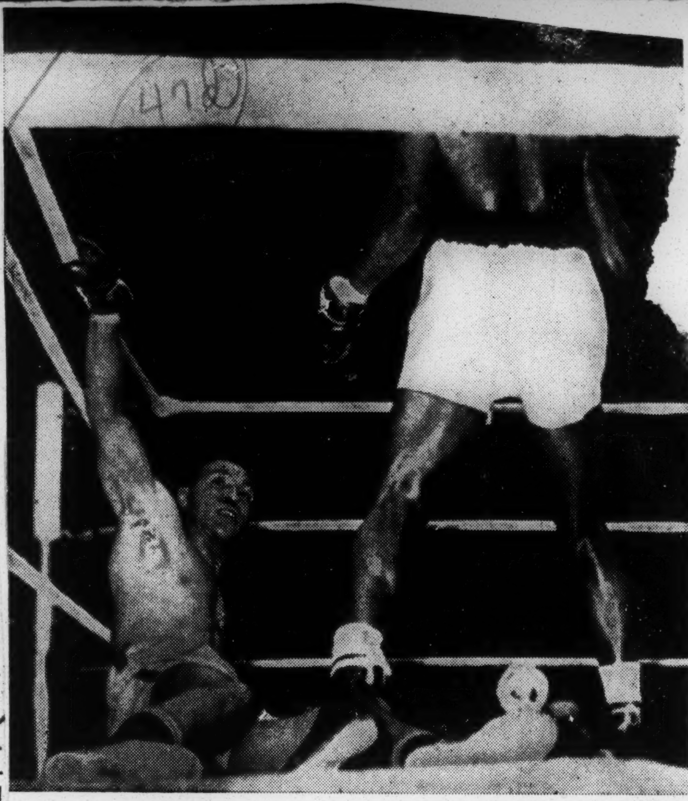
Tragedy casts a pall over the Crandall home (↑) in Akron, Ohio, after news of the death of 20-year-old Sam Crandall (←), who fought under the name of Sam Baroudi and died of a cerebral hemorrhage six hours after losing by a knockout to Ezzard Charles in Chicago Friday. In the family group, left to right, are Sam's mother and his sister Marjorie, seated, and Mrs. Roy Arnold, another sister, and Thelma Pryor, his fiancee, standing.

PM New York, N.Y.



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The knockdown that led to Sam Baroudi's death

Oklahoma University Ruling May Affect Southern Schools

BY LESLIE CARPENTER

News Washington Staff

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 — The United States Supreme Court decision this week ordering the University of Oklahoma to admit a Negro will have the result that Southern state-supported universities must enroll Negroes for professional training or provide the same training in state-supported Negro colleges.

The News

That is the opinion of a group of attorneys here—including the lawyer who argued the case for Ada Lois Sipuel, Oklahoma Negro, before the Supreme Court and drew a favorable, unanimous, and super-speedy decision for his client.

But the most significant case on Southern racial segregation in the educational field is still on its way to the highest tribunal in the land, and the decision on it will have more far-reaching and positive significance.

Birmingham Ala

It is a Texas case—and it is destined to test what constitutes "equal opportunities" in education for Negroes.

Jan. 1-15-48

It is the case of Herman Marion Sweatt, a Houston letter carrier, who attempted to enter the University of Texas law school and was equal protection clause of the 14th amendment. . . ."

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THE UNITED STATES Supreme Court knew that the next semester at the Oklahoma law school begins next Monday—Jan. 19—so to add emphasis to the fact that the justices think the Siquel woman deserves an equal legal education, the decision said: "(The state must) provide it (a legal education) as soon as it does for applicants of any other group. . . ." In other words, the court did not give the State of Oklahoma much time to set up a separate law school — only seven days, in fact, since the decision was rendered this past Monday.

Before the Siquel case arose, the State of Oklahoma had provided its Negro residents desiring a legal education with scholarships to universities outside the state for that purpose. That practice was declared unconstitutional in a Missouri case several years ago by the Supreme Court. The nine justices said then that a citizen of a state was entitled to receive his education within that state, if it was also offered to other citizens of the same state. . . .

The News

THE SIPUEL CASE leaves southerners involved in this puzzle:

Shall they go to the expense of setting up separate Negro legal and medical schools to prevent the entry of Negroes into their "white" state-supported schools?

If they do go to that expense, denied the opportunity. The Texas Supreme Court, to which he appealed, said that the state must either let him in the state "white" school or establish an "equal" school for him.

The News

TEXAS WENT TO THE EXPENSE of establishing a Texas law school for Negroes. Sweatt refuse to to enroll, declaring that the training at it was not "equal" to that offered at the state-supported "white" school.

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Sweatt is going through the Texas courts now, and it is expected that his case will wind up at the United States Supreme Court eventually. And the entire educational segregation along racial patterns within the South will be under review.

Jan.

Both Sweatt and Ada Lois Sipuel, the Oklahoman, have the same attorney, Thurgood Marshall, a New York Negro who is a counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The Sipuel case was not so broad as the Sweatt one. She was denied entrance into the Oklahoma Universiy law school, and the Oklahoma Supreme Court held that she should have been turned down because she did not make "proper notification" of her desire to enter the institution. Should she have made notification, the state court said, a separate school could have been established for her.

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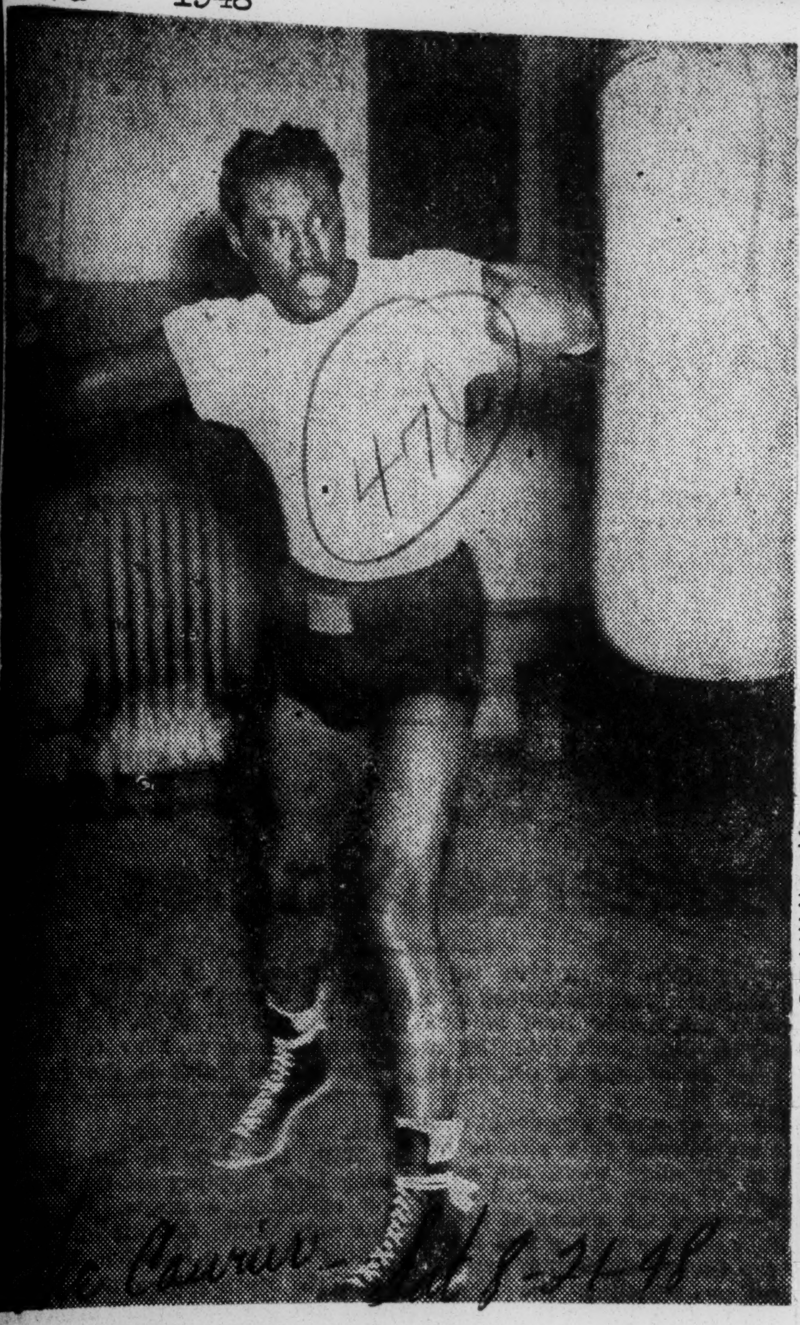
THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT this week overruled the high Oklahoma tribunal in no uncertain terms, but the United States court failed to touch on a more important point—what would have been the constitutionality of a separate state-supported Negro law school, had it been established.

In the brief and to-the-point decision on the Sipuel case, the nation's highest court noted that the Oklahoma University law school is "the only institution for legal education supported and maintained by the taxpayers of the State of Oklahoma," and continued:

". . . The petitioner (Ada Lois Sipuel) is entitled to secure legal education afforded by a state institution. . . .

"To this time, it has been denied her, although during the same period many white applicants have been afforded legal education by the state. The state must provide it for her in conformity with the how can they be sure that the Sweatt case will not result in separate Negro schools of that type being outlawed, provided they are not "equal"—that is, whatever the Supreme Court will consider to be "equal" with regard to education?

Ezzard Charles



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The Courier - Sat 8-21-48

Pittsburgh, Pa.

CHAMPIONSHIP FORM—Ezzard Charles is shown here displaying a little of the form that he hopes will some day lead him to the heavyweight championship of the world. You can tell from the expression on Charles' face that he doesn't take this game of boxing lightly. The road to the top is a hard grind and only the fittest survive.

Lesnevich vs. Charles Seen As First Bout

The Defender

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Sat 7-3-48

Hagen Also Eyes Crown, But All Must Pass Walcott

Chicago, Ill.

Joe Louis' decision to retire leaves fans guessing as to who will be the next champion and boxing moguls searching for another meal ticket.

From the looks of heavyweights around today, it seems that although the fans will get their champion, boxing will have to wait until the Gods of greatness grind out their next King of Perfection before moguls can boast of another million-dollar gate.

Mike Jacobs' chore of arranging the first setto in his round-robin for Louis' successor is comparatively simple.

It's light-heavyweight champ, Gus Lesnevich vs. light-heavy Ezzard Charles.

Two Summer Bouts

Such a fight will probably be staged in early August with the winner meeting Jersey Joe Walcott for the championship in an outdoor engagement in September. This would bring the elimination tourney through its second round and produce another heavyweight champion.

But the ability of any of the aforementioned gents to reign as a champion who will attract the million-dollar crowd, is about nil. Both Lesnevich and Charles are light heavies and small men as champions go. Walcott has about one more good fight left and that is all.

Sat 7-3-48

The question then becomes one of selecting the "politicalrYa mT' of selecting the "potential" champion and launching the build-up necessary to make him a gate attraction. At this point, boxing turns its attention to names that are simmering just beneath the surface of national fame.

Hagen 'Possibility'

Probably at the top of the list of future greats is that of youthful Richard "Dick" Hagen, Chicago heavyweight and '47 winner of the Golden Gloves. Hagen served as Louis' sparmate during training for the last Walcott fight and fans who saw him in action believe they caught the glimmer of greatness which will make him champion some day.

Mike Jacobs—who doesn't miss a bet—is said to have a contract on Hagen already. Another rumor is that Joe Louis, himself, has a good "piece of" Hagen. If these guesses are true, it is quite probable that Hagen will at lease be the one given the chance for the great build-up to the championship.

The "dark horse" of the future greats and probably second in line to Hagen is young Austin Johnson, the Atlantic City heavyweight who made such an impressive showing in the first Louis-Walcott match.

Ezzard Charles Kayos Elmer Ray

The Black Dispatch

Oklahoma City Okla.

May 5 Sat 22-48

CHICAGO — (ANP) — Ezzard Charles established himself firmly not only as the number one candidate for the light heavyweight crown but also as the number two man behind Louis and Walcott for the heavyweight title Friday night as he knocked of Elmer "Violent" Ray in the 9th round of a scheduled 10 round bout in the Chicago stadium.

Charles also donated $5,000, more than half of his purse, to the family of Sam Baroudi. Promoters Irving Schoenwald and Jack Begun and matchmaker Jack Hurley also turned over $5,000 to the late fighter's family. Baroudi died after a bout with Charles on Feb. 20th.

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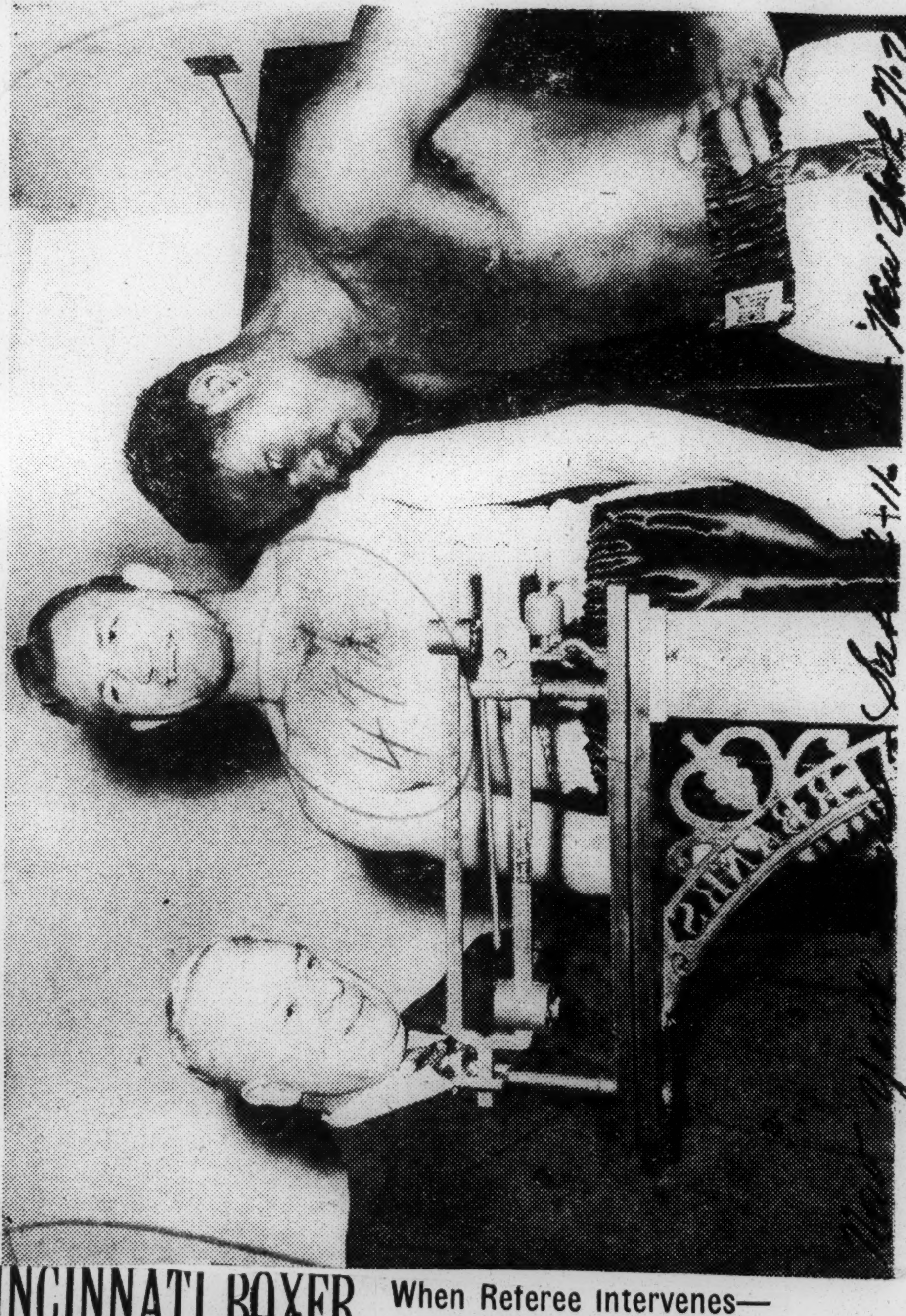
A disappointing crowd of 9,319 fans paid $42,703.67 to see the benefit affair.

WEIGHING IN FOR THEIR BOUT IN THE GARDEN



New York, N.Y.

Joe Baksi on the scales, is checked by his opponent, Ezzard Charles, and Leon Swears, a member of the State Athletic Commission.

The New York Times

CINCINNATI BOXER WINS BY KNOCKOUT

New York Times

Charles Triumphs Over Baksi in Feature Heavyweight Battle at Garden

Sat 12-11-48

New York, N.Y.

BOUT ENDS IN 11TH ROUND

Brion Finishes Felton in Sixth

When Referee Intervenes—Skelton Gets Verdict

By JAMES P. DAWSON

Ezzard Charles of Cincinnati knocked out Joe Baksi, Kulpmont, Pa., heavyweight, in the feature contest scheduled for fifteen rounds at Madison Square Garden last night.

The contest ended in 2:33 of the eleventh round. Referee Ruby Goldstein stopped the bout. Baski told the referee: "I can't see, stop it."

A crowd of 10,000 was present. Charles undertook to concede Baksi a weight advantage of 32½ pounds in the Ohioan's most important foray into the heavyweight ranks. Baksi weighed 210½ pounds while Charles scaled 178. This weight difference led many to support Baksi in the betting that found Charles favorite at 1 to 3.

Ruby Goldstein was the referee. The judges were Harold Barnes and Frank Forbes.

The Going Gets Tough, Then Ez Gets a Call

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the fifth installment of the life story of Ezzard Charles, the fighter most likely to succeed Joe Louis.

By CHESTER L. WASHINGTON

After defeating Joe Maxim twice—the last time in Cleveland—the bombarding Ezzard Charles' stock shot way up on the fistic market in 1943.

Now the name of Jimmy Bivins, then the hard-hitting "hatchet man" of the heavyweights, came up. Jake Mintz figured that Charles wasn't ready to fight such a great, experienced fighter as Bivins. But Pittsburgh's popular Art Rooney wanted to do a favor for a friend of his in Cleveland, so the match was made.

In the first round of this fight Ezzard tagged Bivins. But Jim didn't budge. Then Charles felt that old listless feeling coming back. Bivins was strong and smart. So Jimmy just waded into Charles and dropped him about five times. It was the kid's toughest fight, and although he lost to Bivins, he still made a good showing in staying the limit.

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STOPPED BY MARSHALL

Then Charles ran into another triphammer puncher in tough Lloyd Marshall in Cleveland on March 31, 1943. "Again I wasn't in top shape," Ezz said, "But I didn't tell anyone until just before the fight." Marshall was a great fighter but I hoped to make a better showing against both he and Bivins some day in the future.

MINTZ WARNS FRIENDS

That was the night the loquacious Jake Mintz rushed down to the ringside after Ezz told him he didn't feel good and created a sensation by hollering to his friends: "Don't bet on Charles!"

Marshall was right that night and knocked out Ezz in the eighth.

SERVING UNCLE SAM

Demands were increasing for Charles' services in many major cities. But this was in 1942 and one call superseded all others. That was a "greetings" that came from good old Uncle Sammy.

So it wasn't long before Ezz was driving a jeep. Charles was sent overseas and soon graduated from the jeep to drive a truck in Africa, Sicily and Italy.

While in the Army Charles did some boxing to keep from getting stale. He also coached a boxing team for a troop stationed near Florence, Italy, and turned out some good boys. Charles boxed in Rome and other points and says the best boxer he met while overseas was a light heavyweight named Stanley Gortz.

In Texas Charles boxed Joe Louis three rounds . . . and rated Joe as being really great.

Charles entered the Army on May 14, 1943, and came out with his honorable discharge on Dec. 1, 1945 . . . looking for two guys named Jimmy Bivins and Lloyd Marshall.

Now that Ezzard Charles had graduated from Uncle Sam's Army and was ready to do some serious fighting again, Pittsburgh's Jake Mintz was worried because Charles wanted to get revenge over Jimmy Bivins and Lloyd Marshall "right away."

Al Sheridan was Charles' first victim after coming out of the Army. Ezzard was anxious to make a good showing to redeem his two losses just before entering the service. His timing and measuring were bad, but he stopped Al Sheridan in two rounds in a Cincinnati fight. But Ezz said he was still tense and wasn't sharp in his punching.

Then on March 25, 1946, Charles went to the post again against Tee Hubert, in Cincinnati. Ezz teed off against Hubert, but still his timing was off. Charles came through, however, to win a ten-round decision.

Ezzard came marching back to Pittsburgh on April 7 of '46 to fight Billy Duncan. And although Charles stopped Duncan in four rounds, the Cincinnatian still didn't look very impressive because of his poor timing.

But Mintz brought Ezzard back again on April. This time Charles was apparently loosening up, so he came through to knock out Georgie Parks in six.

As a tune-up he fought Hubert again in Cincy May 13. Ezz stopped him in four.

And now Charles was ready for one of his toughest tests. He was booked to fight Archie Moore in Pittsburgh May 20, 1946. Moore was rated among the top flight fighters so Ezzard, anxious to be in tip-top shape, moved into New York to train for the fight.

DA Frees Bert Lytell in Probe Of Darthard's Ring Death

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New York, N.Y.

Third Boxer to Die in Past Two Months

Fri. 4-23-48

By Associated Press

MILWAUKEE

Bert Lytell, the Nation's fourth ranking middleweight boxer, was freed yesterday, following an investigation into the death of his opponent of Wednesday night.

Dist. Atty. William J. McCauley said he had conducted an "exhaustive investigation" into the death of Jackie Darthard of Kansas City who died of a brain hemorrhage.

"The investigation is completed," McCauley said, "and I am convinced Darthard's death was purely an accident. As long as you have boxing, you're bound to have something like this sometime."

Fred Saddy, State Athletic Commission Secretary, announced previously his group planned no action.

Third Boxer Killed

McCauley said an autopsy showed Darthard died of a hemorrhage of recent origin. PM

"That means Wednesday night," the District Attorney said.

Darthard, third boxer injured fatally in a U. S. ring this year, died at County Emergency Hospital yesterday morning, 10 hours after he collapsed in the auditorium ring between the sixth and seventh rounds of Wednesday night's scheduled 10-round fight.

He was ranked sixth nationally, two notches behind Lytell. Both men are Negroes. Fri 4-23-48

The dead fighter's manager, Jordan (Beau) Davis, Jr., was arraigned in District Court yesterday afternoon on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon. He was released under $250 bond and the case continued to 11 a.m. today. Davis was quoted as saying he had the gun, a .32 caliber revolver, "because he expected to be carrying a great deal of money after the fight." New York, N.Y.

Claims a Permit

Arrington Klice, 39, Darthard's handler, was released after questioning about a gun he carried. He told officers he was a special deputy in Jackson County, Mo., and had a permit for the weapon.

Darthard, who would have been 19 years old on May 4, underwent surgery during the night after an examination revealed a brain hemorrhage. He died several hours later. Dr. William J. Murphy, a physician for the State Athletic Commission, said death was caused by a "very severe subdural brain hemorrhage."

Davis told the Associated Press that following a fight here last Fall with Jimmy Sherrer, Darthard complained of "an awful headache."

"I asked him why he hadn't told me," Davis said, "and he replied, 'Aw, what's a headache.' He never complained about it again and he'd had several fights since then."

Darthard's death followed by two months, almost to the day, the fatal injury of Sam Baroudi at Chicago on Feb. 21. Less than a week later, Leroy Decatur died in a California ring.

Davis, who worked in Darthard's corner Wednesday night, said in an interview the youth "weakened perceptibly" in the sixth round.

"He didn't look good when he came back to the corner," Davis said. "I asked him his name and he didn't answer. I asked him what round it was and he said, 'All I know is I'm fighting in Milwaukee.'

Began Tossing On Stool

"Suddenly he began tossing on his stool," Davis continued, "and he said, 'My head aches.' Then he slumped over.

"We laid him on the floor. He kept mumbling. He didn't lose consciousness until just as we reached the dressing room. They were carrying him on a stretcher."

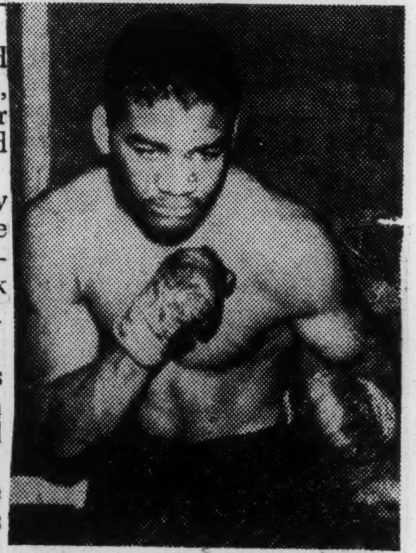
McCauley, who questioned Lytell, said the boxer told him Darthard was "breathing very peculiarly—you know, shortlike," through much of the fight and that it "looked like he was badly hurt" in the third round.

"If the referee had stopped the fight then, I think the kid would be living today," Lytell said. "It must be God's will. That's one of the things you can't get around."

Referee Dauber Jaeger later told McCauley he didn't stop the fight because "I couldn't see at any time that Darthard was hurt enough to justify the action."

Lytell's co-manager, Sammy Aaronson, announced at the District Attorney's office his fighter would appear on a benefit show here "with all proceeds going to Darthard's widow." Aaronson said he'd pay all expenses for his boxer.

Darthard's widow, Ernestine, 17, and his mother, Mrs. Mary Darthard, were reported enroute here from their home.



Darthard, Kansas City middleweight, was 19. His was the third U. S. ring death in two months. Fri 4-23-48

PM New York, N.Y.

Milwaukee District Attorney William McCauley (left) gets from Bert Lytell the details of bout in which Lytell's opponent, Jackie Darthard, collapsed after hard blow, and died yesterday morning after operation. Fri. 4-23-48

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Leroy Decatur

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Death in the prize ring broke up the Decatur family, Leroy, Juanita and eight months old Darrell when Leroy, 20, dropped dead in the final round of his bout with Frederico Herrera at Hollywood, Calif., Friday night. Leroy, in his first pro bout, collapsed and died from dilation of the heart, a chronic condition. Fans booed in the belief that Leroy had taken a "dive."

1st Kayo for Flakes Scored Over Father

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PM New York, N.Y.

Wed. 5-19-48

By Oscar Fraley
United Press Writer

Regardless of who wins the Joe Louis-Jersey Joe Walcott battle for the heavyweight crown, Father Time was rapidly overhauling both of them today and the future book listed increasing interest in a youngster named Henry Flakes—who started by kayoing his father.

Every once in a while along comes a fighter who is both promising and phonetically intriguing. Such were Elmer (Violent) Ray, Gus (Pell) Mell, Willie (Bing) Bang and Owen (Old Man) Moase. Henry can claim admission to the clan. They call him, naturally, "Snow" Flakes.

But the Buffalo youngster, by way of Opelika, Ala., and Chattanooga, Tenn., has more than phoneticism to recommend him. In a little more than a year he has proved rather conclusively that he can fight—and the road stretches far ahead.

He started in February, 1947, as a $40 preliminary boy. This Friday night he moves into Madison Square Garden for a feature bout against Lee Oma, the poor man's Maxie Baer. There's a reason for Henry's rapid rise. He has won 18 of 19 professional bouts, half of them by knockouts. He lost his fourth pro fight because he was cut.

Has Beaten Comiskey Twice

PM

This year he has come like Whirlaway in the stretch. First he decisioned Pat Comiskey and then, to prove it was no fluke, he kayoed the Irish giant. In his last start he decisioned Oma, who gets a return bout Friday. New York, N.Y.

Flakes, like Louis, was born in an Alabama cotton picker's cabin. When he was very young his family moved to Chattanooga and it was there that the father, a fight fan, started to teach his four sons the rudiments of fisticuffs. Wed.

They couldn't afford gloves. So the elder Flakes used burlap bagging, stuffed with rags and gathered at the wrists with rope. The sessions then proceeded in the back yard. 5-19-48

There came a night, however, when the lessons ceased abruptly.

Henry threw a right cross which stretched the old man cold for 10 minutes.

Was Kayoed At Pearl Harbor

Like Beau Jack, Ray and other Negro fighters who came out of the South, "Snow's" next step was to compete in battle royals. Then, by falsifying his age, he got into the Navy and was at Pearl Harbor when the Japs struck.

On his nose is a scar suffered when a Jap plane crashed on the deck of the Nassau, a converted airplane carrier, that fateful Sunday. PM

"That was the only time in my life I've been knocked out," Henry explained. New York, N.Y.

Winding up in Buffalo, Flakes decided to give the pro fight game a whirl. Meanwhile, in the intervening years, he had filled out his long frame until it carried a solid 198 pounds. His progress was rapid. Wed.

Exceptionally fast on his feet, Henry also is a good, solid puncher. As Oma explained:

"He'll make trouble for anybody." 5-19-48

On top of that, there isn't too much around in heavyweight circles. So a good youngster has bright prospects. They claim that Henry is only 21, which would make him 15 at Pearl Harbor, rather difficult to absorb.

But even if you tacked on a couple of years he still has lots of time—an item which such as Louis and Walcott haven't!

Bob Garner

Ring Roundup

The Courier-Journal

. . . *By Larry Boeck*

Is Garner a Ring 'Has Been' At 25?

Louisville, Ky.

Is Bob Garner a ring "has-been" at the age of 25? Fri.

Many citizens of Cauliflower Row, who saw the dusky Louisville heavyweight T.K.O.'d by Harold Guss two months ago, are saying Bob has caught too many on the chin. 5-7-48

As far as they are concerned, he's washed up after twice in his career having knocked on the door of fistic success.

Garner, however, hasn't thrown in the towel. A hard-hitter and once a pretty fair boxer, he says he can comeback again. And there are two people, at least, who agree with him.

One is Promoter Bill McNulty of the Sportsman's A.C. He feels that one-round T.K.O. was one of those things that can happen in any milling between the beef boys. So he's giving Bob, who has been training diligently lately as Sid Peaks sparring mate, a comeback shot on the Monday night show. The Courier-Journal

The other fellow who has confidence in Garner is Paul Karem, owner of Peaks. Karem has taken Garner under his wing. There's no contract or anything of the sort involved, but the genial sportsman is ready to give Bob a helping hand. Louisville, Ky.

Garner, admittedly an in-and-outer but the kind of guy who can—and has—exploded with impressive win streaks, hits the comeback trail in a six-rounder at the Armory. He meets Tommy DeHart, Asheville, N. C., heavy with a record of 23 wins in 29 starts, 11 by K.O. 5-7-48

If Garner is impressive, McNulty says he'll be able to offer him next an eight-round semi-windup spot in his comeback campaign.

The eight-round semi-windup to the Sidney Peaks-Perk Daniels 10-round main event pairs Willie Johnson, surprising Louisville middleweight discovery of Freddie Eiler, and Joe Greene, Asheville. Greene has scored 15 straight victories since turning pro, eight by knockout.

Doug Medley and Charlie Scott in a six and Bobo Drago and Bob Burnett in a four round-out the card. The Courier-Journal

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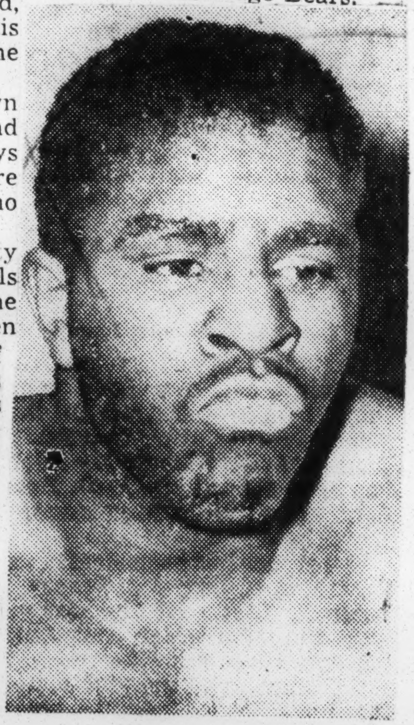
Wrestling Show

Louisville, Ky.

The bouncing showmen of the ring, the wrestlers, stage their next clout circus at the Armory Tuesday night, May 18. "Wild Bill" Longson and Robert "Bulldog" Wagner share top billing in the show that Promoter Francis McDonogh plans to wind up the Sports Polio program. The wrestlers this year, as in years past, have done a grand job for the fund. Fri 5-7-48

Fred Davis, incidentally, also might be on the show. He's the ex-Manual grid star who's now with the pro Chicago Bears.



Bob Garner
Gets comeback shot.

RATED AS LEADING HOPES

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New York--who will succeed Joe Louis as the Heavyweight Champion of the world?

The Courier

That is the big question everyone is asking now along "Cauliflower Row." The three most logical candidates seem to be Light Heavyweight Champion Gus Lesnevich, Jersey Joe Walcott and Essard Charles, leading contender for light heavyweight honors.

Sat 7-3-48

Lesnevich was named the "Fighter of the Year" in 1947 and successfully defended his title twice by knocking out Philadelphia's Bill Fox. He is a cagey, 33-year-old veteran, who, like Louis, spent a lot of time in the service during the war.

Walcott is still Jersey Joe. A real veteran, too, Walcott came from nowhere and gave Louis trouble twice. Because of his fine showings against Louis, Walcott deserves another chance and must be considered as one of the leading candidates.

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Ezzard Charles is the best young fighter in the country today. He started out as a middleweight and came fast as a light heavyweight. Although he is comparatively light for the heavyweight ranks, he is growing fast and Joe Louis thinks he is the best prospect in the game.

He is also the type of fighter Louis would like to be his successor. Ezzard is a quiet, personable young fellow. He is modest and a gentleman at all times. He can punch as well as box and has plenty of courage.

CUBAN TRIUMPHS IN 10-ROUND BOUT

Phil. [illegible]

Sat 11-13-48

Gavilan Victor Over Pellone in Feature Welterweight Contest at the Garden

New York [illegible]

EARLY ENCOUNTERS BRISK

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Baldoni Halts Wyatt in Fifth When Referee Intervenes—Alexander Beats Safora

By JOSEPH C. NICHOLS

Kid Gavilan, Cuban welterweight, defeated Tony Pellone of Greenwich Village on points in the feature bout of ten rounds at Madison Square Garden last night.

A crowd of 9,000 was present when the principals entered the ring. Pellone weighed 146¼ pounds, while Gavilan scaled 147.

The referee was Mark Conn. Joe Agnello and Charley Shortell were the judges.

Sat 11-13-48

Gavilan opened the battle by sending a right uppercut to the jaw but Pellone came back to score with several lefts to the body and a sharp left and right to the head.

Pellone shot a long right to the head in the second and Gavilan bounced back to send a number of rights to the body. They traded right uppercuts to the jaw with Gavilan landing the harder blow.

In the third, Pellone drove a short right to the head and closed in to pound the body. Gavilan traded with him and made the local boy retreat.

They fought at close range through most of the fourth. Late in the frame Gavilan shook his foe with two rights and a left to the jaw.

Gavilan scored at long range and in close in the fifth before Pellone opened up to land several good left hooks to the jaw. After Pellone sent a stiff jab to the face in the sixth Gavilan closed in and beat Tony about the body. Near the close of the round Pellone landed a hard right and left to the jaw.

Pellone Lands Right to Jaw

TEDDY SINGLETON IS CIAA TITLE HOLDER

Journal & Guide
Norfolk, Va.
Sat. 4-24-48

Theodore "Teddy" Singleton is the CIAA lightweight boxing champion for the year and is a freshman at Winston Salem Teachers College. A native of Rocky Mount, N.C. where he attended Booker T. Washington high school, Singleton met and defeated opponents from Morgan, Delaware and A. and T. Colleges. In addition to being a stellar ring performer, Singleton 4-24-48 has also shown ability in track.

THROUGH THE YEARS - - - - - - with *Fay Young*

The Defender
Sat 9-18-48
Chicago, Ill.

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Harry Wills Kayoed Bill Tate In 2nd Round Of Colored World Title Bout Back In 1921

THIS is the sixth of a series of copyrighted articles on outstanding individuals and events in the sport world. This series will include Baseball, Basketball, Football and Track.

By FAY YOUNG

BUFFALO, N. Y , Jan. 17, 1921—Harry Wills, who wants to get a crack at Jack Dempsey's world heavyweight crown, knocked out Dempsey's sparring partner, Bill Tate, in the second round of their 15-round contest for the "Colored heavyweight championship of the world." The fight was held at the Broadway auditorium.

For a few fleeting seconds, Tate's prospects for victory were very rosy.

The two fighters boxed through the first round with no damage being done. Then, in round two, both sparred with improved confidence.

Tate started his right several times and finally landed it high of Wills' cheek. He shook the southern champion badly and the great house of 10,000 roared its approval, encouragement and apprehension as its sympathies were with Tate.

Bill Tate (In 1935 as Union Leader)

Sensing a victory, Big Bill rushed in and battled Wills to the ropes.

Wills showed plainly that he had been "stung" and held on. Tate tried vainly to shake Wills off. Finally the referee separated them. Again Tate rushed in, this time intending to end hostilities, but like a flash of lightning from the sky, Wills, coming out of the clinch, let go a terrific right which landed flush on Tate's jaw.

Every inch of Big Bill stiffened. He fell backward like a giant tree felled by the final blow of the axe.

The wallop carried a kayo if there ever was one. Tate was still trying to raise his shoulders and back off the canvas when Referee Dick Nugent counted the "fatal ten."

Wills rushed over to help Tate but Big Bill was so far gone that he fell back into Harry's arms when the victor sought to help raise him. It was a groggy and helpless Tate who was finally hoisted onto his stool in his corner.

MAKE PROTEST

There was a protest over the knockout by both Tate and his manager, Dan McKittrick. Both claimed that Wills had taken undue advantage of Tate in the break. The rules stipulated a fair and clean break.

Referee Nugent claimed the knockout blow came after the break had been accomplished and that Tate had failed to protect himself at the time.

It was a sensational finish to a bout held under the auspices of the Queensberry Athletic Club and the 10,000 spectators were held in rapt interest.

While the great majority of the throng had come expecting to see Wills finish Tate and celebrate a Wills' holiday, the fact remains that the display of speed and execution by Tate in the second round fairly electrified the assemblage which had many Tate followers.

Even when the end came, a punch so close to an unfair blow, coming out of the clinch that it barely escaped official condemnation as a foul. Tate was not any worse off than Wills when the end came and if anything, Dempsey's sparring partner was a trifle in the lead at the moment.

Tate had recovered, at the start of the second round, much of the confidence which had plainly deserted him at the start of the fight with famous rival.

Tate had finished the first round unharmed. He had hit back well against a much faster man and a stouter puncher. Tate had discovered that Wills was not able to reach him effectively in the long range work because of Big Bill's height and reach. It reminded the spectators of the bouts which Jack Johnson and Jack Dempsey had with the tall, cumbersome Jess Willard. Both had to carry their fight to Willard.

It was thus that Tate carried much of the fight to Wills. The darting right with which Tate finally reached Wills and marked him perceptibly, went high, missing the point on the jaw by inches, yet it fairly staggered Wills.

Although, subsequently, Wills tried to characterize the bad moment as a feint, there was no fooling about the desperation with which he took hold of Tate and the vacancy of the grin which wreathed his features in that moment.

Wills had been hurt and Tate knew it, as did Harry, for he kept boring in with a great vigor and abandon, and Wills had his work cut out fending off during the bad spell.

END WAS SUDDEN

Then came the end like a flash out of the sky. It was a terrific punch, though short, and it is a pity that it had to be, that it did not come in open play for it was close to the dead line of the breakaway, and the men had parted with such remarkable show of cleanness previously that the contrast was most marked.

However, the punch went home and they picked Bill off the floor and they marveled at the strength of Wills' punch, just as Wills' followers predicted they would. And Wills is a great puncher.

Dan McKittrick, Tate's representative, claimed that his man had suffered a technical disadvantage in the final punch, although the referee's finding was that the blow came after the break and Tate should have been protecting himself.

"All the same, it is the sort of finish which makes a man grind his teeth. I still think that Tate can lick Wills," McKittrick said.

TATE STILL CONFIDENT

Tate, himself, when he recovered form in his corner, echoed McKittrick's words. "I can lick that fellow," Tate said with emphasis, "I am surer now than ever. I had him going and he hit me off guard or he never would have got me. I would give anything in the world to get another crack at Wills."

"Tate may think he had a chance," Wills said as he sat in his corner waiting the dispersal of the crowd. "but he never had, and if he doesn't think so, I'd like to have him try again. I went at him wide open for a quick finish, and when he thought he had knocked me for a goal, I was merely playing him into a position to finish him off. If Dempsey had anything to do with sending Bill against me and isn't satisfied, he can try again if he likes."

When told that Tate wanted another chance, Paddy Mullins, manager of Wills, said "We have never dodged a fight. We are only too anxious to make matches, nobody barred, and that includes our challenge to meet Jack Dempsey for the world heavyweight championship."

STOP TICKET SALE

The Queensberry Athletic club erected bleachers and made every possible provision to take care of the overflow crowd. It was impossible to take care of everybody who descended suddenly upon the auditorium. Late comers, without ducats, were shut out. The sale of tickets was stopped when standing room was exhausted.

Wills weighed 210 pounds and said he was from New Orleans. Tate, tipping the beam at 230, registered from New York.

The results of the other bouts on the program were:

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Irish Kennedy, Hamilton, Ontario, 134, drew with Cy Martin, 132½, Buffalo, in six rounds.

Buddy Riley, 123, Buffalo, decisioned Gus Wilson, 124½, in six. Wilson was former featherweight champion of Buffalo.

Frankie Colin, 133, Buffalo, decisioned Bill Casey, 138, Rochester, N. Y., in six.

Frankie Wilson, 132, Buffalo, decisioned Don McCormick, 140, Buffalo, in four.

The judges were Frank E. Klipfel and Ray Weil. The timekeeper was Marve-Smith.

Bob Montgomery Quits Ring Game

Afro- Sat. 1-3-48

Former Lightweight Champ Hangs Up Gloves After Boston Loss

Baltimore. Md.

PHILADELPHIA—(NNPA) — Bob Montgomery, who formerly held the New York State version of the world's lightweight championship, announced his retirement from boxing here Friday.

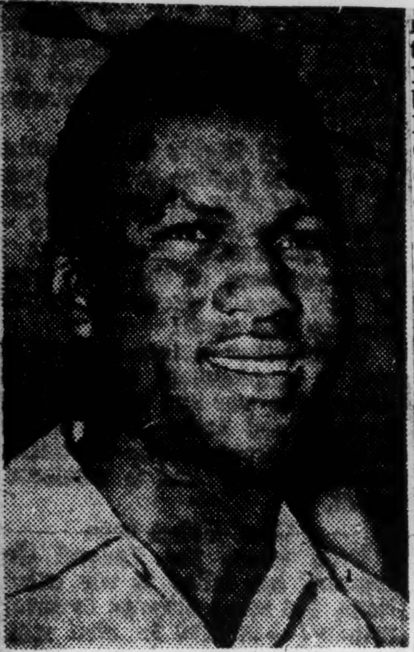
The announcement was made by Herman Taylor, a promoter, following a conference with Joe Gramby, the ex-champion's manager. 1-3-48

Montgomery was to have had another crack at the lightweight title now held iin its entirety by Ike Williams, of Trenton, N.J. The two boxers were scheduled to meet in Madison Square Garden, February 20. The fight was originally scheduled for January 16, but was postponed at the request of Williams. Afro.

Was Twice Champ

The failure of Montgomery to appear before the New York State Athletic Commission December 23 delyaed formal signing of the contract for the titular bout. At the time, it was said Montgomery was delayed in returning from Boston, where he had lost a 10-round decision to Joe Angelo, of Providence, on Monday.

Montgomery, now 29, was twice world's lightweight champion. He was dethroned last August 4 when he was knocked out in the sixth round by Williams at the Philadelphia Municipal Stadium. He had knocked Williams out in the twelfth round on January 25, 1944.



BOB MONTGOMERY

Montgomery's announcement of his retirement came as a distinct surprise to boxing fans. He wanted to keep the engagement with Williams because he believed fans would think he had taken a run out.

Convinced He's Through

"But I told him he was wrong," said Gramby. "I told him people wouldn't think that."

The decision was reached after the fight with Angelo in Boston, in which Montgomery showed flashes of his old-time form in only the first and last rounds.

"He didn't lose the fight," asserted Gramby. "But he did convince me he was through. He lacked his old zip. He didn't have proper coordination. He knew waht to do, but he couldn't do it."

Seen on Downgrade

The knockout Montgomery suffered at the hands of Williams disclosed an alarming deteriation in his fighting powers. He collapsed in 2:37 of the sixth round. Many spectators saw in that crushing defeat the beginning of the end of Montgomery. 1-3-48

In his first ring engagement after the Williams setback, Montgomery lost a decision to Livio Minelli here. His defeat by Angelo was his second setback along the **comeback trail which was to lead to** another chance at the title.

..**Montgomery was a product of the** Diamond Belt bouts. He came here **from Sumter, N.C., worked in a laundry as a youth, and fought in the first Diamond Belt Tournament back in 1936-37. Turning professional, he did not lose a fight until he dropped a decision to Tommy Spiegel in a bout at the** Cambria for the Pennsylvania lightweight championship.

Four battles against Beau Jack in Madison Square Garden, showed Montgomery at his best. He won two of these—the first on May 21, 1943, when he won the lightweight battle. He lost the title back to Beau Jack on November 19, 1943. On March 3, 1944, Montgomery came back to win a 15-round decision over Beau Jack and regain the crown.

Fought for Charity

Their fourth Madison Square Garden bout was a 10-round non-title match on August 4, 1944, while Montgomery was in the service. Arranged as a magnet in a War Bond campaign, the battle was instrumental in the sale of $36,000,000 in bonds, and Montgomery's only reward, aside from a furlough for training, was a defeat charged against him in the record books.

After his discharge from the Army in 1945, he risked his title successfully against Allie Stolz and Wesley Mouzon.

In his ten years of ring campaigning, Montgomery has earned some handsome purses and has **held on firmly to the majority of** his glove dollars. He owns his home on North 17th Street, and lately opened a specialty shop for his wife, Mallie, at 17th and York Streets. Sat. 1-3-48

In addition, Bob will become a partner with Gramby in the management of a stable of fighters. The latter last Friday "cut him in" with Bill (Chicken) Thompson, a promising heavyweight, and Jimmy Sims, a hard-hitting lightweight.

Revoke License of Boxer Who Collapsed in Ring

P.M. New York, N.Y.

By Associated Press

4-6-48

BOSTON

On recommendation of a physician, the Massachusetts Boxing Commission yesterday revoked the license of Thompson Harmon, New York Negro lightweight, wso collapsed during a boxing bout at Holyoke on March 8.

The Commission also suspended three boxers on advice of doctors and suspended a dozen other fighters and managers for disciplinary reasons. Four who had been suspended were reinstated.

Harmon was held in a Holyoke hospital for 24 hours after his collapse occurred a few seconds after his bout with Sandy Saddler, top-ranking featherweight contender, had been stopped in the eighth round. P.M. New York, N.Y.

Virtually out on his feet, Harmon was led to his corner where he fell in a heap. Revived, he again passed out and was hospitalized.. Tues 4-6-48

In order to fight Saddler, who, of course, was credited with a knockout victory, Harmon had to boil off about four pounds which reportedly reduced his resistance.

Sat 7-3-48

Turpin first Negro to win British crown

Los Angeles Tribune

California

BIRMINGHAM, Eng. — Dick Turpin, Jamaican Negro, won the British middleweight championship by outfighting Vince Hawkins in the rain over a 15-round route at White City arena before 40,000 fans here last Monday night.

For the first time in the long history of British boxing a Negro got a shot at a British crown. Turpin made a good thing of his chance; won going away.

Last year, after a good going over in the House of Commons, British Boxing Control revamped its regulations, allowed as how any British subject, of any race, would henceforth have a fair chance to fight for British titles. Heretofore, all Negro fighters were only allowed to win and wear the British Empire crown, which represented an altogether different kingship.

BRITISH TITLE TO TURPIN

New York Times

Jamaica Negro Beats Hawkins for Middleweight Honors

Tues. 6-29-48

BIRMINGHAM, England, June 28 (AP)—Dick Turpin, Jamaica Negro, won the British middleweight championship tonight by outpointing Vince Hawkins in a rain-drenched 15-round bout before 40,000 fans. Turpin weighed 156, Hawkins 159¾.

Turpin already held the British Empire crown, which he won with a one-round knockout of New Zealand's Bos Murphy a few weeks ago. The British and the British Empire are separate titles.

This was the first time a member of Turpin's race had been given a crack at a British championship.

Ike Williams Is Boo'D In Split Dawson Decision

The Express

Dallas, Texas

By MARK HYMAN

PHILADELPHIA — (ANP) — A rip and tear 10-round split decision over fancy Freddy Dawson of Chicago by Ike Williams in a non-title bout Monday night brought a flood of boos and unminced-protests from 7, 149 fans who saw what was called anybody's fight up to the 10th round. Although Referee Charley Daggert gave the lightweight king the nod (5-4-1) and Judge Knaresborough agreed with him (6-4). the crowd went along with Judge Harry Lasky who called it even (4-4-2). Sat. 2-7-48

IKE EMBARRASSED

Quite a block of fans insisted that the fight belonged to Chicago's Dawson. Especially since Ike found the going extremely tough. With a half pound edge (136 1-2), Williams threw everything he had at Freddy who faded away from the sting only to streak back and bop Ike most embarrassingly. Once Dawson slackened and Ike moved in. Freddy got ahold of himself and avoided Ike's planned mayhem.

Even though disgusted at his own performance, Williams inflicted a measure of his usual damage. He cut Dawson's left brow in the sixth and battered his nose in the fifth. The nose job, however. was done when their heads bumped together which gave Ike no credit for it. The Express 2-7-48

Dawson's evasive style; his slash-bang hitting, short hooks and rights to the champs head proved worrisome for Ike and made the 10-rounds a high tension affair. Williams ended Freddy's eight-fight streak and chalked up his own 11th win, yet there was something prophetic about the fight: Dawson gets closer to absolute victory each fight: Ike knocked Dawson out in the fourth round of their first meeting Sept. 19, 1944; the scramble was a draw in January, 1946. And now the decision is questionable for a lot of people.

Joe Louis Is A Deputy Now!

The Courier

DETROIT—(ANP)—Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis was sworn in last week as a deputy sheriff by Sheriff Edward Behrendt of Wayne County. Detective William Bennett and Sgt. William Fuller congratulated the Brown Bomber after the ceremonies.

Here in Detroit over the week-end, Louis did not reveal his future plans.

Sat. 8-7-48

Louis, Rocky Better Than 2-1

Daily Worker

New York, N.Y. Tues 6-1-48

On the strength of his youth and impressive training showing in Stillman's Gym, Rocky Graziano is being rated a 5-12 favorite to retain his middleweight championship in the "rubber match" with ex-champ Tony Zale next week at Newark. Zale, 34, is going through paces at the CYO Gym on 17 St., having refused to work in the same quarters as Graziano even though their workout times would not have conflicted.

Early odds on the Louis-Walcott return later this month have the champ a 5-14 favorite for his swam song at the Stadium. Whispers about a postponement were squelched when Walcott quickly recovered from the lancing of a blister and went back into action. Most sports writers, in a poll, figure Louis to win despite the closeness of the first fight.

A KID GAVILAN—Ray Robinson welterweight championship fight should be announced soon. No sooner had the Kid entered his dressing room after Friday night's speedy KO of Rocco Rossano than Sol Strauss was in yelling "You can have Robinson." George Gainford said, "Wait till we see if Robinson beats Docusen in Chicago" and Strauss laughed. Daily Worker

Jesse Flores, who fought a sizzing draw with Johnny Williams in his local debut here, features Friday night's Garden card against Terry Young, who should have been deflated by Paddy De Marco's two wins,. but gets back just the same.

WHEN LOUIS faces Walcott it will be exactly eleven years and one day after the Bomber won the title by knocking out Jim Braddock in eight rounds at Chicago.

IT IS INTERESTING to recall the names of the boxers who appeared in the Louis-Braddock preliminaries at Comiskey Park, Chicago, June 22, 1937. The semi-final had Arturo Godoy and Tony Galento, each of whom was subsequently kayoed by Louis in title matches. Harry Thomas met Jorge Brescia on the same program. Louis kayoed Thomas in a title bout and attended to Brescia in a match prior to the Braddock contest. Another six listed Nathan Mann and Charlie Massera. Both these men were also Louis kayo victims—Mann in a title match Massera in Louis's eleventh professional fight. Tues

6-1-48

WALCOTT'S BIRTH certificate, signed by the Registrar of Vital Statistics in the municipality of Pennsauken Township, County of Camden, shows he was born Jan. 31, 1914. His right name is Arnold Raymond Cream. Jersey Joe is about three and a half months older than Joseph Louis Barrow who was born May 13, 1914 in Lexington, Ala. 6-1-48

Payne scores TKO over Erv Sarlin

Tribune

Los Angeles, Calif.

PITTSBURGH — Rusty Payne, 182, San Diego, pounded out a seventh round tko over Erv Sarlin in a scheduled 10-rounder at Zivic auditorium here last Monday night. Sarlin weighed 186.

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Referee Ernie Sesto stopped the bout at Sarlin's request after the bell rang for the seventh. He claimed that a left hook he took at the end of the sixth made it almost impossible for him to breathe. The largest crowd of the summer (4500) saw Sarlin stopped for the first time in his career.

Third Negro Boxer Dies After Fight

MILWAUKEE, Wis.— (ANP)— A 19-year-old Kansas City middleweight, Jackie Darthard, died here April 22 to become the third fighter (all Negro) to die this year after taking a severe beating in the boxing ring.

Darthard died at 8:40 a. m. after being operated upon the night before for a brain hemorrhage from blows to the head. He never recovered consciousness after collapsing on his stool immediately after losing a bout to Bert Lytell, another Negro, by a TKO in the sixth round.

Absorbing a terrific beating in the third and sixth rounds the Kansas City battler was carried out on stretcher and rushed to a hospital. Dr. Harry Maxwell, noted Milwaukee brain surgeon, performed the operation.

Although the same two men fought to a draw two months ago, the younger fighter was no match for Lytell this time. Only in the fourth and fifth rounds did he hold his own.

Lytell, after being held on the technical charges of assault, has been released after routine questioning. One of Darthard's handlers, Jordan (Beau) Davis Jr., 27. is being held, however, for carrying a gun. He was arrested by police in the fighter's dressing room after the bout.

Other fighters to die after a boxing this year in America were Leroy DeCatur of Hollywood in California, and Sam Baroudi in Chicago. Both died in February. Darthard's death was the first ring fatality in Milwaukee in 20 years.

Lesnevich Scorns Charles Match

CHICAGO—(ANP)— Gus Lesnevich, light heavyweight champion, guffawed here last week at Ezzard Charles' bid to the title, and said he has his eye on an encounter with the winner of the heavyweight title bout between Joe Louis and Jersey Joe Walcott in the Yankee Stadium, June 23.

"Titles are won and lost in the ring and not in the mind of some one with a warped imagination," Gus retorted. "Who is Charles to dictate to the champion? Ezzard received his change once and failed to take advantage of it. I'm sorry, but that's his hard luck."

Last Sept. 29, Gus agreed to pit the title against Charles in Crosley Field, Cincinnati, for $75,000. However, the match never went through. The light-heavy champ said that while Charles is a good fighter, he is not the drawing card he should be for a No. 1 contender."

Louis, fat and flip, flounced around Comiskey in 6 rounds

WASHINGTON — Heavyweight champion Joe Louis, fat and flip, flounced his way to a popular decision (there was no official decision) over fellow-oldtimer Pat Comiskey here at Griffith stadium last Monday night in a six-round exhibition, the first of a string of road shows the Brown Bomber has lined up.

More than 10,000 fans whooped it up for the two tubby old men, as they put on an occasional rally. Louis, whose bald spot and waistline have a conspicuous look nowadays, had the best of the go all the way, and mauled Comiskey almost at will. And willed to maul him often enough to keep the paying customers from feeling gyped.

Both the fighters were padded down with 16-ounce gloves, a fact which seemingly encouraged Comiskey to take more chances with the champion than it is the custom for his opponents to do.

Up until the final stanza, Louis was satisfied to rock Comiskey with his formidable left jab. From then on, he pot-shotted the New Jerseyite's head with a barrage of lefts and rights, and finished his evening's chore by turning Comiskey's pasty face to a cherry red.

Louis weighed 215; Comiskey, 208.

NBA Says Walcott Is No. 1 Contender

Detroit Free Press

Detroit Michigan

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(AP)—Jersey Joe Walcott, or the man who can whip him, is the logical contender for Joe Louis' heavyweight title. Wed-12-22-48

This conclusion was drawn by the National Boxing Association as it announced its final 1948 ratings.

Actually Walcott wasn't put in the space labelled "contenders" in the heavyweight division. The NBA merely wrote in "awaiting further competition."

Walcott

But he was listed among the outstanding boxers, with Ezzard Charles next.

And in a press release accompanying the ratings. Fred J. Saddy, who heads the the ratings committee, said:

"The logical contenders for Joe Louis' heavyweight title must always include Jersey Joe Walcott, and the NBA believes that the final selection for a title match should be Walcott or the heavyweight who is good enough to beat Walcott in an elimination go." Wed-12-22-48

Three new champions were crowned during the year:

Light Heavyweight Freddie Mills, Middleweight Marcel Cerdan and Featherweight Sandy Saddler.

Saddy figures 1949 will bring three additional champions. Welterweight Ray Robinson and Bantamweight Manuel Ortiz are having trouble making their weight limits. And Louis, of course, is expected to retire.

HEAVYWEIGHT

Champion, Joe Louis, Michigan. Contenders, awaiting further competition. Outstanding boxers, Joe Walcott, New Jersey; Ezzard Charles, Ohio.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT

Champion, Freddie Mills, England. Logical contender, Gus Lesnevich, New Jersey. Outstanding boxers, Leonard Morrow, California; Archie Moore, California; Bob Satterfield, Illinois; Lloyd Marshall, California; Doc Williams, New Jersey.

MIDDLEWEIGHT

Champion, Marcel Cerdan, France. Logical contenders, Tony Zale, Indiana; Bert Lytell, California; Jake LaMotta, New York. Outstanding boxers, Rocky Graziano, New York; Dave Sands, Australia; Cyrille Delannoit, Belgium.

WELTERWEIGHT

Champion, Ray Robinson, New York. Logical contenders, Bernard Docusen, Louisiana; Kid Gavilan, Cuba; Frankie Fernandez, Hawaii. Outstanding boxers, Charles Fusari, New Jersey; Beau Jack, Georgia; Gene Burton, New York; Tommy Bell, Ohio; Johnny Greco, Canada.

LIGHTWEIGHT

Champion, Ike Williams, New Jersey. Logical contender, Enrique Bolanos, California. Outstanding boxers, Freddie Dawson, Illinois; Tommy Campbell, California; Max Docusen, Louisiana; Carlos Chavez, California.

FEATHERWEIGHT

Champion, Sandy Saddler, New York. Logical contenders, Willie Pep, Connecticut. Outstanding boxers, Chico Rosa, Hawaii; Tirso Del Rosario, Manila; Jackie Graves, Minnesota; Harold Dade, Illinois; Eddie Compo, Connecticut; Henry Davis, Hawaii; Jean Richards, Canada; Charles Riley, Missouri.

BANTAMWEIGHT

Champion, Manuel Ortiz, California. Logical contenders, Guido Ferracin, Italy; Luis Galvani, Cuba; Cecil Schoonmaker, California. Outstanding boxers, Kui Kong Young, Hawaii; George Mouse, France; Stan Rowan, England; Guillermo Valero, Mexico; Luis Romero, Spain.

Three Major Contenders Via For Bomber's Belt

World Atlanta Ga

June, 6-29-48

By MARION E. JACKSON

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.— (SNS) — A mad scramble is on for the heavyweight championship vacated by Joe Louis with Jersey Joe Walcott, light-heavyweight champion Gus Lesnevich and 175 pound Ezzard Charles in the thick of the fight for the most prized crown in boxing.

Joe Louis created the vacancy Friday night after his explosive hand had flattened Joe Jersey Walcott in 2 minutes seconds of the 11th round at Yankee Stadium

Shortly after ten hed been counted over the fallen challenger, the heavyweight challenger announced he had fought his last fight. Thus ended the Brown Bomber's record reign of 11 years and 3 days.

6-29-48

LESNEVICH SEEK TITLE

If and when Sol Strauss and the 20th Century Sporting Club stages the show (possibly Sept. 22 at Yankee Stadium) the nod undoubtedly will favor Lesnevich, who is to defend his crown in England, July 26 against Freddie Mills, British champion.

Eddie Eagan, chairman of the New York State Boxing Commission, said when informed of the forthcoming match that the commission couldn't do anything until bouts were brought to it for official action. But there wasn't much doubt that Eagan and two fellow commission would approve a series of fights that would bring in Walcott, Lesnevich and Charles. Walcott, incidentally is 34, Lesnevich 33, and Charles will be 25 next month.

The National Boxing Association probably would fall in line too with any tournament that would bring in the three although NBA President Abe J. Greene said last week "There are no logical contenders."

6-29-48

NEW RATING EXPECTED

Greene said "we expect to get out our ratings in the next ten days. Now for the first time there are no logical contenders. It's the worst dearth of heavyweights in history. The best heavyweights are light-heavyweights, Gus Lesnevich and Ezzard Charles. I may have to move them up." June,

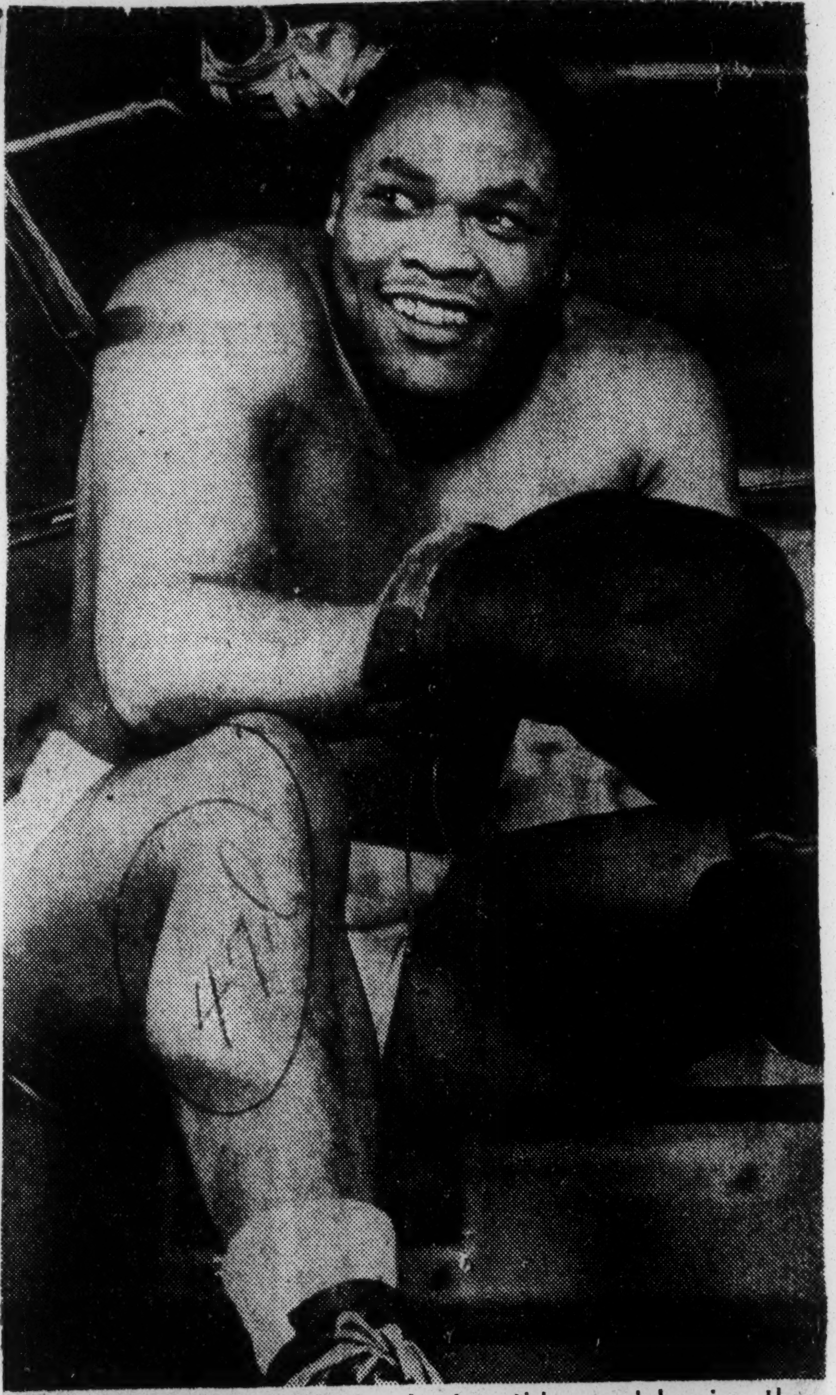
Why Walcott, Lesnevich or Charles would want the title can be viewed in this breakdown on Louis, who earned $3,365,000 as champion. Louis won the title from James Braddock, June 22,1937, by knocking him out in 8 rounds. His ring earnings compare with approximately $2,000,000 for Gene Tunney, and $2,280,000 for Jack Dempsey. These sums do not include radio, movie and television earnings.

KAYOED KRACHEN

Louis turned professional by knocking out Jack Kracken of Chicago July 4, 1934.

Back to Louis, if he is truly retired he will be the second to make it stick out of a list that include Jeffries, Tunney and Louis. Jeffries retired but was lured out to be knocked out by Jack Johnson.

Louis stated Sunday as he played at the Engineers Club, Roslyn Long Island that he intended to stay retired.



HE MAY BE IT?—With Joe Louis retiring and leaving the heavyweight throne unoccupied, every heavyweight in the country is out for that vacated title. Pictured above is Albert "Turkey" Thompson, imposing local heavyweight who won a unamious decision Tuesday night at the Olympic from Tony Bosnich of San Francisco. Turkey may be the guy who will sit on the heavyweight throne? Stranger things have happened you know. Los Angeles, Calif.

Four Negroes Slug Way To Golden Glove Titles

Daily World

Fri 3-12-48

CHICAGO — (ANP) — Four Negro amateur fighters boxed and slugged their way to half the championships in the annual Chicago Tribune Golden Gloves finals at the Chicago Stadium Friday night before 21,253 spectators. Seven other outstanding fighters have been named to the squad who will meet the New York champions at Madison Square Garden March 22.

Atlanta, Ga.

The 1948 champions, who will meet the eastern titleholders, are:

112 pounds—Robert Holiday, Cincinnati.

118 pounds—Melvin Barber, Des Moines.

175 pounds—Buddy Turner, Cincinnati.

Heavyweight — Clarence Henry, Los Angeles.

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Holiday, 1947 champion, was the only titleholder to repeat this year and won his crown by decisioning Joe Castenada of Chicago. Barber out-pointed Kenny Nienhaus of St. Louis to win his honors. Buddy Turner, who had drawn a pair of byes during the tournament, had too good a left for Lalu Sabotin of Cleveland and thereby copped the title.

HENRY WINS HARD WAY

Henry won the heavyweight crown the hard way, scoring a technical knockout over James Motley of Omaha, National A. A. U. runner-up, in the quarter-finals and then turned in a surprise semi-final decision over Willie Clemmons of Indianapolis, National A. A. U. champion, outstanding slugger of the tournament and winner of the Joe Louis trophy.

Daily World

The crown went to Henry in the finals when he stopped Wayland DuBose of Nashville in the second round. Earlier that evening in the semi-finals, DuBose survived when Willie Champion of Cleveland, goodlooking heavy who reminded of Joe Louis, was disqualified when he accidentally landed a foul punch to DuBose's groin. Experts had predicted Clemmons and Champion would fight it out for the title.

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In addition to the four champions, others named to the intercity squad included Russell Dungy, Gary, 118 pounds; Wallace Smith, Cincinnati, 135; Hank Herring, Los Angeles, who developed a temperature after his semi-final bout and was not permitted to fight for the 147 pound title: Jack Baker, Toledo, 160, and heavyweights Clemmons, Champion and Motley.

Blood and Sandy

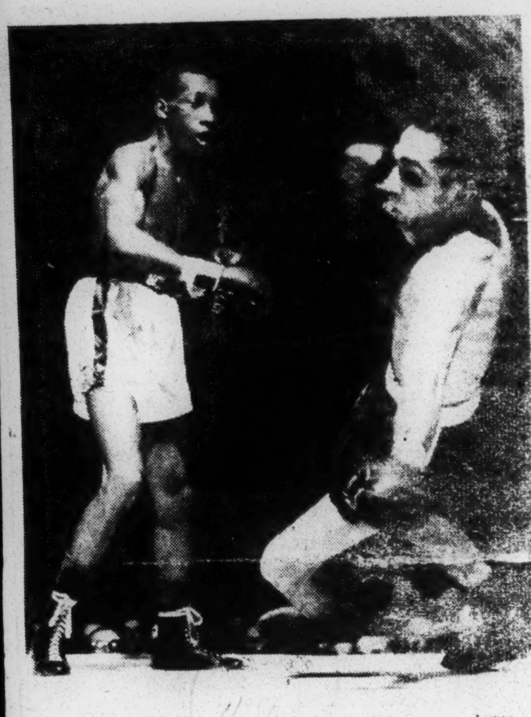
The Newsweek

The case of Sandy Saddler convinced some people that boxing needn't be so desperately hard up for good talent. Not if kids with likely fists didn't have to reckon with backstairs politics in the form of managers' connections and promoters' grudges or alliances.

Although he grew up in New York City and had been a winning fighter since 1944, his first professional year, Saddler had reason to feel he would never get a star-bout chance in New York's boxing center, Madison Square Garden. For his star-bout pay nights, the stringy Negro had to travel 30,000 miles through Latin America, knocking out half a dozen national champions and making himself a sellout attraction.

In 93 fights inside and outside this

country, Saddler scored 63 knockouts. But when the Garden, beset by new pro-



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Saddler ending Pep's reign

motional opposition and critically small Garden crowds, finally presented Saddler in a main event last week the terms were no bargain: 10 per cent for him and 50 per cent for Willie Pep, world's featherweight champion for the last six years. Manager Charley Johnston submitted to this pocket picking only because he had spent a couple of years demanding a title chance for Saddler.

Dayton, Ohio

No Pep: The 22-year old challenger quickly proved he was ready for it. Before the first round ended, his snake-fast left jabs and uppercuts had put a broad blob of blood around the nose of the 25-year-old Pep, master boxer, beaten only once in 136 bouts and a 3-to-1 ringtime favorite despite rumors that he would throw the fight.

Mon. 11-8-48

In the third round Saddler's left hand hooked into Pep's chin and put him on the floor for a long nine-count. A Saddler right flattened him again, and again Referee Ruby Goldstein seemed to have tolled ten before Pep go to his feet.

Under another left hook in the fourth round Pep crashed to the mat and flipped over on his face. This time there was no question about Referee Goldstein's count at 2:38 Sandy Saddler joined Joe Louis, Ray Robinson, and Ike Williams among the ring's current Negro champions. Commissioner Eddie Eagan, who had warned the fighters beforehand, also thought the manner of Saddler's victory made the rumors of a fix look pretty silly: "It was a good scrap."

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—and Each One A Champion

Journal Guide
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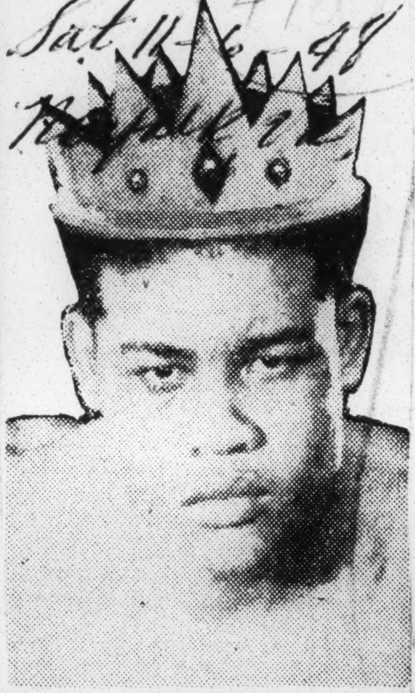
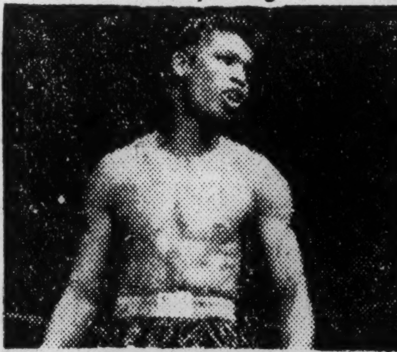
Norfolk, Va.



JOE LOUIS
Heavy King



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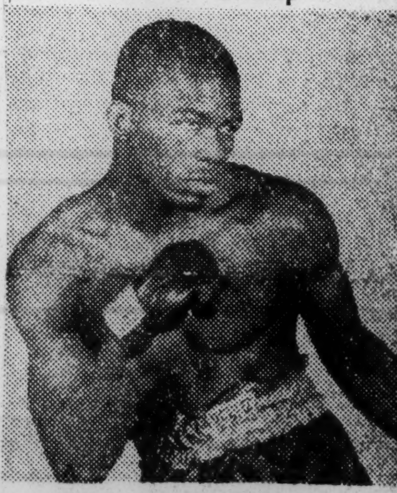
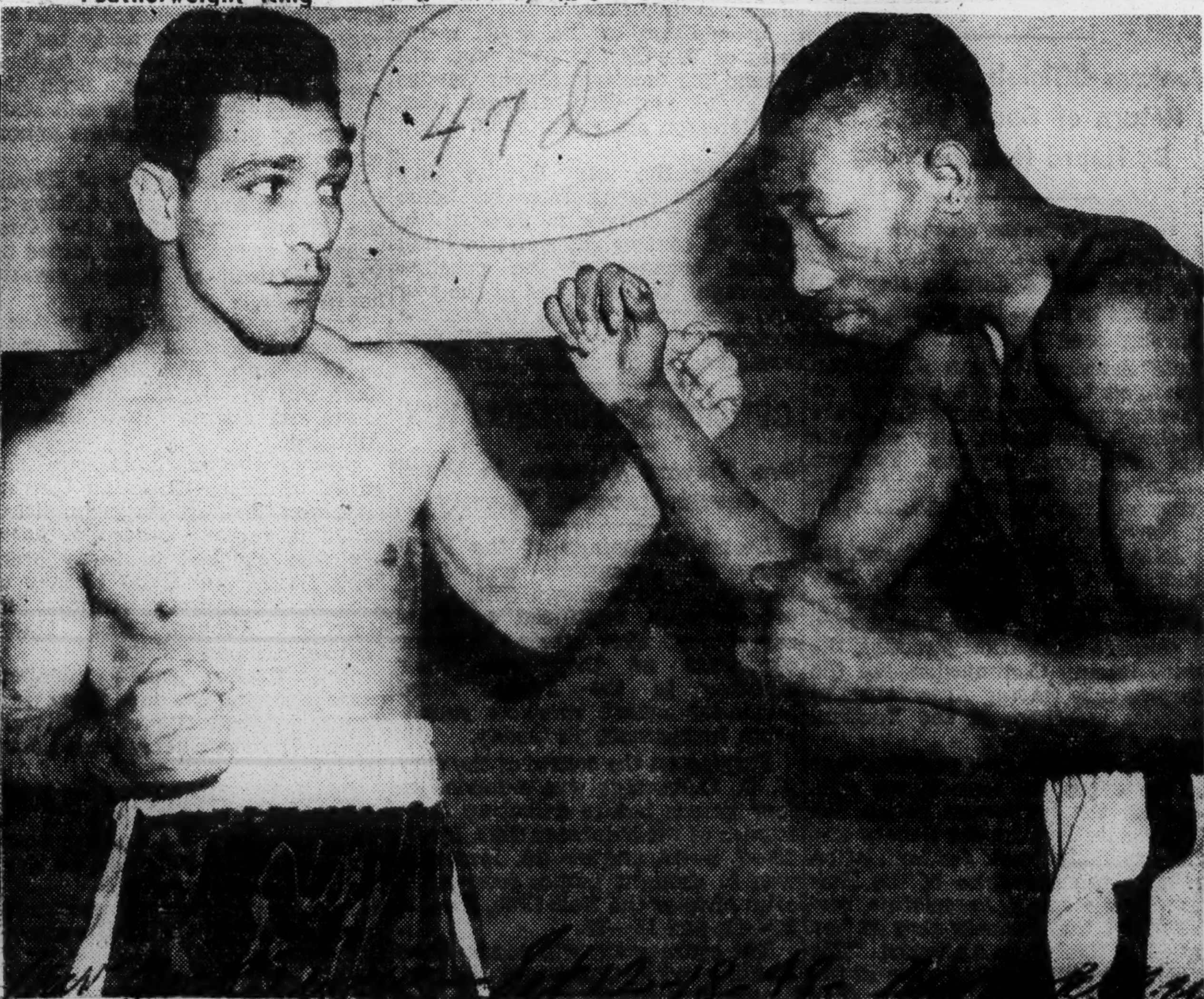
Welter Champ



IKE WILLIAMS
Lightweight Ruler

SANDY SADDLER
Featherweight King



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Terry Young (left) and Sandy Saddler struck a fighting pose when they weighed in yesterday at the New York State Athletic Commission's office.

Chaplain Says He'll Push Suit For Divorce

Daily World
Atlanta, Ga.
Jan. 1-11-48

NEW YORK — (ANP) — U. S. Army Captain Matthew C. Faulkner, the chaplain who suspects that Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis has been using his bank roll to induce beauteous Carrolle Drake Faulkner, the minister's wife, to visit Broadway night clubs and expensive fur shops instead of staying home with the couple's two children, was trying hard this week to decide on continuing the suit for separation against Mrs. Faulkner.

Once last week Rev. Faulkner had definitely agreed to withdraw the action, following a conference with his wife's lawyer, Amos E. Bowman, but some of his friends succeeded in getting him to change his mind.

As a result, the love stealing episode involving Louis had apparently developed into a strictly legal battle with Mr. Bowman promising to file an answer that would "blow the lid off" and John T. Doles, Jr., counsel for Captain Faulkner, insisting that the case would go to trial.

PRESS TAKES SIDES

Not to be outdone, some members of the Harlem press brigade seemed to be taking sides in the widely publicized marital spat. On the one hand, columnist Billy Rowe, close friend and associate of the "champ," was siding with Mrs. Faulkner; on the other, feature writer Kay Kerby, of the Amsterdam News, was telling all who would listen that she was in Captain Faulkner's corner.

Daily World

The latter's decision, temporary though it was, came with dramatic suddenness. At one point, Captain Faulkner was closeted with his wife's lawyer for more than two hours before Atty. Bowman announced that Mrs. Faulkner would have custody of the children, Matthew and Oran.

Atlanta, Ga.

Overnight the report swept thru Harlem like a prairie fire but 24 hours Rev. Faulkner, after discussing the case with Miss Kerby and subsequently with Atty. Doles was telling reporters that it was all a mistake, that no agreement had been reached.

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SURRENDERS BOYS

On the other hand, Captain Faulkner claimed that he had surrendered his two boys to their mother voluntarily because it was expected that he would return to his post early this week.

The question of permanent custody is still to be decided, the chaplain, added and he is insisting on pushing the suit for separation.

Miss Drake, as Carrolle is known in glamour circles, told her husband off when he came home on furlough December 11. At that time, friends say, she made it plain that she found someone who could and would give her jewelry, furs and limousines to ride in.

SUFFERED BREAKDOWN

Rev. Faulkner, according to the paper filed by Doles, felt so bad about all this that he suffered a nervous breakdown and spent several days in a local army hospital.

Mutual friends of the couple said last weekend that Captain Faulkner had returned to duty and that Carrolle, the tall, tan and terrific hunk of beauty, had gone into seclusion at the Long Island home of model Mary Cunningham, who was named in the chaplain's papers as an undesirable associate for Mrs. Faulkner.

In the meantime, Atty. Bowman had not filed Carrolle's answer to her husband's complaint because, as he put it, "I expect them to settle this matter out of court yet."

BOXER WITH BUM HEART DIES IN $75 PRELIM SCRAP

Associated Negro Press Release March, 1948

HOLLYWOOD ___ (ANP)--The toll of ring deaths went up another notch here Friday when Elroy De Catur, 20-year-old Los Angeles lightweight making his first pro start, collapsed and died 10 seconds before the end of the fourth and last round of a bout he was winning from Fred Herrera, white, also 20, of Jerome, Ariz. De Catur's death came just one week after that of Sam Beroudi in Chicago.

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Herrera and De Catur were contesting in a $75-apiece preliminary bout at Hollywood Legion stadium. First post-morten examination of the dead boxer disclosed that he suffered from an acute dilation of the heart.

"Although De Catur's temple was bruised, his skull was not fractured," said Dr. Frederick Newbarr, chief autopsy surgeon. "Heart dilation was caused by over-exertion probably due to a chronic hypertrophy condition of the right side of the heart, a type of heart lesion which would have been difficult to detect by physical examination before the bout.

A boxing license issued Jan. 23 showed that De Catur had passed a physical and eye examination Jan. 12. Dr. Newbarr said he plans to make a microscopic examination of the fighter's internal organs before giving the cause of death.

An investigation of the fatality was immediately begun by Coroner Ben Brown, Hollywood police homicide detectives and the Legion's stadium committee. They learned that the fighter had been a patient at General hospital for five weeks last fall after suffering injuries from a fall from a horse.

In the ring, the fighter collapsed after a light flurry of blows and never regained consciousness. Dr. William F. Carver, stadium physician, administered artificial respiration for 20 minutes, but to no avail. The lad died in yhe ring.

De Catur was married and the father of an eight-months old boy. Manager Joe Rhodes said he had won 35 out of 40 amateur fights and "trained hard."

Three Negro Boxers Picked For National

The News

Birmingham, Ala.

Magic City Recreation Committee this morning announced the names of the three boxers who will go to Boston April 3 for the National A. A. U. championships. The trio were winners in Alabama Negro Boxing Championships held last week. Wed 3-24-48

Aaron Murkison, Negro Boys Club, 147-pounder; Walter Speights, Negro Boys Club, 160-pounder, and Sylvester Moiner, Immaculatta High, 175-pounder, were chosen to make the trips. They will be the only representatives of the Southeastern A. A. U. in the national tournament.

All expenses for the boys will be paid by Magic City Recreation Committee which handled the annual state tournament sponsored by The Birmingham News-Age-Herald.

L. S. Gaillard, president of the committee, will accompany the boys.

GOLDEN GLOVES FINDS NO LOUIS

The Record

Columbia, S.C.

Lighter Weights Look Good But Heavies Poor In Garden

Tues 3-23-48

NEW YORK, March 23—(AP)—The golden gloves, which spawned such ring greats as Barney Ross and Joe Louis, still is rich in talent but gives no immediate promise of producing another greatly-needed "heavyweight hope."

Some of the best of the nation's amateurs demonstrated their punching wares before 18,359 patrons last night in Madison Square garden as New York and Chicago hand-picked teams battled to an 8-8 draw.

The little scrappers carried most of the load. The big ones looked just mediocre completely lacking in the zeal and equipment necessary to make a heavyweight king.

Coley Wallace, the big New York boy who has been dubbed "the second "Joe Louis" because of his striking resemblance to the champion, failed to impress although it was his victory over Clearence Henry of Los Angeles, Calif., that gave the Easterners the draw.

Both Wallace and Henry became tired after the first round and finished their chores half-heartedly, as if wishing for a hurried end.

The heavyweight alternates, Willie Clemmens of Indianapolis and Gilmore Newirk of New York, showed no more. Clemmens belted Newirk with a wild left in the first round and Newirk decided, with a seconding vote from the referee, that he had enough.

The real class made itself conspicuous in the lesser weights, from 112 pounds through 147 particularly, where the battlers showed not only ability to hit, move and think but also to stay.

John Thompson of Buffalo, N. Y., and Fernando Rivera of Kansas city, 126 pound champions, gave the fans three rounds of such sterling action the more than 18,000 spectators were on their feet at the finish. The Record

Thompson won the verdict.

In other rousing combats, Henry Gault, 112-pound champion from Spartanburg, S. C., outpointed the West's Robert Holiday of Cincinnati and Art Irlando of Denver gained the nod over New York's William Hazel in the 126-pound alternate class. Columbia, S.C.

One of the best combats saw Richard Guerrero of Chicago, outpunched in the first round and knocked from the ring in the second, rally stoutly in the last round to outpoint Lelan Pillen, the straight-punching paratrooper from Charlotte, N. C. Tues. 3-23-48

Totally Blind Ex-Champ Still Loves Boxing

PM New York

Sun. 6-6-48

NEW ORLEANS, June 4 (UP)—A little blind man will go to Chicago June 17 to "see" a home town boy, Bernard Docusen, try to knock the world's welterweight crown off the rugged head of Ray (Sugar) Robinson.

And if the little blind man can make it, he will "see" two other title fights this month—the heavyweight battle which will feature Joe Louis and Jersey Joe Walcott, and the third middleweight meeting of champion Rocky Graziano and Tony Zale.

But he already has his ticket to the Docusen-Robinson bout. And when the pre-fight introductions are made, the announcer should invite the little blind man to step into the ring, and then say:

"Ladies and gentlemen, introducing Pete Herman, the former bantamweight champion of the world."

Booster of Docusen

PM

The ex-bootblack who became the first New Orleans fighter to win a world's championship seldom misses a title fight. He thinks nothing of leaving his busy bar in New Orleans' French quarter. He especially wants to see Bernard Docusen become the latest New Orleans boxer to wear a crown.

Pete Herman thinks the fancy-stepping "Duke" can win it, too.

When Herman takes his ringside seat on June 17, Sam Saia, his "seeing eye," will be sitting next to him, giving a blow by blow account. New York, N.Y.

Won Last Fight

Pete Herman was blind in one eye and the sight in the other was almost gone when he fought his last fight April 21, 1922, in Boston.

Herman won his last fight, defeating Roy Moore. But he missed so many punches that the referee accused him of stalling. Sun.

That night in Boston Pete Herman hung up his gloves. But he didn't hang up his love for the game that took away his most valuable possession. 6-6-48

Strauss Plans No Elimination Tournament, but Hopes to Match Lesnevich Against Charles or Walcott; Dewey Congratulates Bomber

Herald Tribune
New York, N.Y.
Sun. 6-27-48

By Jesse Abramson

Joe Louis, who had been convinced by Mannie Seamon, his trainer, that golf almost cost him his cherished heavyweight crown in the first Walcott fight in December was back on the links, the Engineers course in Roslyn, L. I., yesterday as the first indication he was enjoying his new status as retired undefeated world champion.

There was a tendency, here and there, to be skeptical of the decision of the Brown Bomber to dismantle his guns forever. But Louis has never given any one the right to challenge the complete honesty of his views on any subject, particularly what Louis was going to do. 6-27-48

How does a champion go about the business of giving up his title? Protocol on this point is a bit hazy. Eddie Eagan, chairman of the State Athletic Commission, said yesterday that Louis probably will notify him in writing of his plan to abandon the title. Marshall Miles, manager of the champion, said yesterday, "We probably will do just that" in the near future. Herald Tribune

There's no urgency about that matter. It was two years after Gene Tunney retired in 1928 that a new heavyweight champion was proclaimed in the bout between Max Schmeling and Jack Sharkey, who had come up from the pack to the roles of outstanding contenders. N.Y. 6-27-48

Sol Strauss, of the 20th Century S. C., said he planned no elimination tournament, but that he would seek to match the best heavyweights around.

"We will try to make Gus Lesnevich vs Ezzard Charles, or Lesnevich vs Walcott in September," said Strauss.

Mike Jacobs, who came up on Louis's punching prowess to be the No. 1 promoter, has now lost the big prize that goes with the promoting business. But Uncle Mike intends to stay in business. He will get some competition from rival promoters, particularly the new Tournament of Champions Inc., in attempting to tie up the Louis successor, whoever he will be.

Louis didn't attempt to name his successor, except to say that Lesnevich and Charles, both light heavyweights, belong in any elimination tournament. He had previously cited Charles, Cincinnati Negro, as the outstanding heavyweight around.

Walcott, as the last beaten challenger, has no priority in the scramble for the heavyweight title.

Neither Louis nor Walcott appeared in the promoter's office to pick up their fees. The checks weren't ready anyway. The final receipts were not available, owing to the possibility of more refunds for tickets which had been mailed before the fight started.

The announced receipts of $841,739 from 42,667 paying patrons may be decreased a bit. Adding the $100,000 for radio and television, the gross came close to the million-dollar goal, which would certainly have been reached except for the two postponements. More than $100,000 was refunded, officials said. Herald Tribune

Strauss declared that television did not hurt the gate, but he can get an argument on that from any number of fight people.

Louis to Get About $300,000

New York, N.Y.

As the receipts stand now, including radio and television, Louis will receive about $300,000, Walcott half of that. 6-27-48

To this will be added an indeterminate wad of green from the moving pictures in which Louis and Walcott are interested to the extent of 40 and 22½ per cent, respectively. The pictures, placed on view yesterday, were called excellent technically, particularly the slow-motion shots. What saved them from being thrown into the dustbin was the final flurry by Louis, plus the two other highlights of the otherwise dreadful fight—the third-round one-count knockdown of Louis, and the buckling of his knees from another right in the fifth round. Sun.

One of the first telegrams to reach the champion came from Governor Thomas E. Dewey, Republican Presidential nominee. It read: "Heartiest congratulations on most skillful and scientific defense of your title. You are the champion of them all."

Looked Inept in Spots'

Governor Dewey was being very politic. With his last sentence no one will quibble. However, there was nothing skillful or scientific in Joe's defense of his title until the last thirty seconds of it. He looked just about as bad, frozen into immobility by Walcott's feints, moves, gestures, for thirty-two minutes. But he did what he does best, throw punches in bunches to drop the iron curtain on his opponents, the one chance he got.

Walcott, the spoiler to the end, has a positive velleity for violent physical contact with boxing foes whose punch he respects. Nevertheless, he surely would have won the decision this time simply by evading Louis, according to the way the judges, Harold Barnes and Jack O'Sullivan, were scoring the fight. The bout was a retake for ten rounds of their first fight, but this time the referee, Frank Fullam, was scoring for Louis, while the judges were scoring for Walcott, instead of the reverse.

It's a horrible thought to contemplate that Walcott, with his cutie style, might have won the title simply by making Louis look bad. Louis saved boxing from going back twenty years.

Why did Walcott become vulnerable all of a sudden in the eleventh when he had done such a perfect job of avoiding punishment before then? Mannie Seamon had the answer. Walcott simply tired from the nervous tension of his fight and the energy-consuming moves he made under those 39,000 watts of heat. He showed he was tiring by stretching his arms and changing the pattern of his evasive tactics. Herald Tribune

Went Into Jersey Bounce

Instead of gliding and darting hither and yon, he went into his other routine, the Jersey Bounce. This was the tip-off he was tightening up and needed new moves to loosen up. In his one moment of hesitation, Louis nailed him with a right, another, drove him to the ropes, blasted him with a barrage that included a terrific hook and right uppercut to the chin. Walcott, who prided himself in his ability to fight his way off the ropes, now fled instinctively from the battering. He fled only two steps and Louis unleashed his famous final flurry. New York N.Y.

Most people agreed that this was a fitting finale to twenty-five title defenses and a reign of eleven years and three days. Louis can't improve on the drama of it. It was a perfect final curtain, that last flurry. He no doubt could flatten Lesnevich in September, but he has lost so much of his fighting ability that he would be well advised to stick to his decision to retire now. Sun.

His popularity is again at its crest. He was mobbed in Harlem on his return from the Stadium to the Hotel Theresa. The hood of his Cadillac was ripped away by admirers who wanted to take the car apart for souvenirs. A sergeant of police lost his false teeth. He stuck his head into Louis's car and said, "I lost my teeth." 6-27-48

"Get us out of here, we'll buy you a new set," said the champion. He did. He also paid for a new pair of pants for a motorcycle policeman who had his trousers ripped off in the bedlam.

TOM MEANY

Star

Heat Marks Louis' Start and Finish

New York, N.Y.
Fri. 6-25-48

According to his own declaration, Joe Louis climbs through the ropes for the last time at Yankee Stadium tonight, win, lose or controversial decision. By one of those fortuitous coincidences which are always coming to the rescue of sports writers with an early deadline, today marks the 13th anniversary of the first time Louis ever entered the ring as a combatant in New York.

It was on June 25, 1935 that Louis flattened the hulk of a man who was Primo Carnera. For those who complained about the weather yesterday, let it be reported that it was humid 13 years ago, too. The Giants were playing a doubleheader with the Cubs, precisely as they were yesterday, and I remember that the second game went extra innings until Leon Chagnon insisted on pitching inside to Chuck Klein, who after fouling off half a dozen or so, finally hit one fair into the seats and won the game for Chicago. He also put Chagnon in Bill Terry's doghouse for keeps.

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After the doubleheader, the Chicago and New York baseball writers trudged across the Harlem with their portables to look at Louis. Joe had fought around Chicago and the visiting firemen had a fair idea of what to expect, but few New York writers, except a selected handful whom Mike Jacobs had taken to Detroit on a junket, had seen first-hand the dynamite that was in Joe's fists. Fri.

You don't hear so much about it now, but Louis was the hope of Jacobs to break the stranglehold Madison Square Garden then held on the heavyweight situation. Mike thought he had it broken with Max Baer, but Jimmy Braddock upset the applecart by outboxing Baer for the title at the Garden Bowl in Long Island City. 6-25-48

Briefly, the Garden manipulated its grip on the heavyweights through signing the challenger to make his first defense under Garden sponsorship if he won. When Baer took the title from Carnera, he signed to meet Braddock for the Garden. The plan was to beat Plain James and move on to greener pastures. Braddock outfoxed Baer and the Garden still had the title rights. Star

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From the beginning it was evident that Louis was the boy to take the title from Braddock. The problem was how to get him into New York without the mob moving in on his managers. Taht was finally solved by having him fight here first for the Hearst Milk Fund. No mob around town would be rash enough to move in on a Hearst promotion. Star

With Louis under the double protection of Jacobs and the Hearst Milk Fund, his managers figured they could retain title to him, even if they showed him right under the noses of the New York mobsters. And it came to pass, just 13 years ago today. New York, N.Y.

There were slips, however, before Jacobs got the title for his very own. In 1936, Max Schmeling came over from Germany and flattened Louis in 12 heats. Whereupon he was recognized as the logical challenger for the crown he had once won and given priority over Louis for a bout with Braddock.

Fri. 6-25-48

Articles were signed for Braddock and Schmeling to meet in the Bowl and the Garden even had tickets printed, although Jimmy Johnston, then direcitng Garden boxing, knew Joe Gould, Braddock's manager, had no intention of going through with the match.

Gould, used to the connivers of the boxing racket, knew that if Schmeling beat Braddock, which he probably would, Max would beat it right back to Germany and give the title to Hitler. By making a deal with Jacobs, he agreed to fight Louis in Chicago, the terms of the agreement giving Gould and Braddock 10 per cent of Louis' ring earnings for a 10-year period. Of Joe's title defenses, Braddock and Gould got 10 per cent until June 22, 1947, a decade after the Bomber had won the crown at Comiskey Park. Fri.

As I said, it was hot that night 13 years ago when Louis first climbed into a New York ring. And it was hot last night, too—and very wet. 6-25-48

Mike Jacobs Says He Will Quit After Louis-Walcott Bout

Courier-Journal Fri. 1-23-48

Louisville, Ky.

Miami Beach, Fla., Jan. 22 (AP) — Michael Strauss "Mike" Jacobs, for nearly 25 years one of the world's leading fight promoters, announced today that "win, lose or draw" he will "retire from boxing forever" after a return match this spring between heavyweight champion Joe Louis and Jersey Joe Walcott.

Jacobs, now 67, who has owned Louis' contract since 1935, said in an interview that "when Joe announced he was retiring after this fight, I decided it was time for me to bow out too."

"We'll see this return match through together, and then take it easy." Courier-Journal

Jacobs, better known in boxing circles as "Uncle Mike," said that Felix Boccicchio, of Camden, N. J., owner of Joe Walcott's contract, will be "down sometime next week to work out a contract for the return match."

"That will be the last fight contract I'll ever sign."

CLIMAXED Louisville, Ky.

His long career in the fight game was climaxed yesterday when Louis surpassed John L. Sullivan's record of holding the title 10 years and 212 days. It also marked the longest period of time a single promoter has held a champion's contract.

"Louis is the greatest fighter I've ever seen. Every time I see him fight it gives me a thrill." 1-23-48

Looking back over the years as a promoter, Jacobs recalled his biggest moment came when Louis, then a virtual unknown in big time boxing, knocked out "Iron Man" Max Baer in 1935 before a crowd that spent almost a million dollars to watch.

"That was when I was wondering if he really was championship material. After that fight I knew I had hit the jackpot."

It was just 10 years and 214 days ago that Jacobs deserted Madison Square Garden and took Louis to Chicago to win the title from Jim Braddock. In the intervening years the great Brown Bomber has defended his title 24 times before a combined gate that grossed approximately thirty million dollars. Fri. 1-23-48

ADOPTED

Jacobs said he planned to remain in Florida to "fish, loaf and raise my daughter." He and his wife, Josie, adopted Joan three years ago when she was only a year old. Fri. 1-23-48

As far as he is concerned, there's no dispute about the decision of the recent Louis-Walcott fight. Courier-Journal

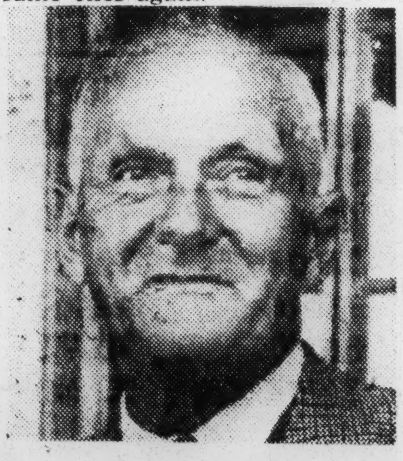
"He went in a champion and came out a champion. And what's more, he'll beat Walcott again," Jacobs predicted.

Sprawling comfortably beneath a warm sun in the yard of his Miami Beach home, Jacobs said he wouldn't be at all surprised if the coming match grossed two million dollars. Louisville Ky.

Boxing in general, he commented, is a steadily improving business, both from a financial and exhibition standpoint.

"Gates are bound to get bigger because boxing is getting better. Boxing is improving all along; becoming more scientific and when boxing gets better, gates are going to increase, too."

The best advice he could think of to pass along to future promoters is to "look at the mistakes I've made—and don't make the same ones again."



Mike Jacobs

BOXING:

Return of Mike

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When Promoter Mike Jacobs, fresh from his Florida convalescence, slouched into a stray chair in the Twentieth Century office in New York on March 12, the help clustered around him effusively. Since the boss had suffered a stroke in December 1946, things hadn't gone any too well in the boxing empire he built. Some highly profitable matches had been snatched away from his outfit. Stars had become pretty choosy about the matches that were offered to them. One of the club's best box-office bets, world's middleweight champion Rocky Graziano, was in exile.

In Madison Square Garden last Friday night, for his first show there in fifteen months, Jacobs seemed as glad as his help. The crowd was more cynical when he was introduced; the cheers were liberally laced with jeers. The customers also hooted at the introduction of Referee Arthur Donovan. Mon. 3-22-48

Both the old ticket hustler and the veteran referee had heard such demonstrations before. But if this one didn't upset Donovan, certainly he never did a less impressive night's work. In two rounds of the fight between Marcel Cerdan, defeated only twice in 104 bouts (both times on fouls), and Lavern Roach, winner of 24 out of 25 professional tests, Donovan had to handle seven knockdowns, all of them against Roach. The second one, in which Roach tugged Cerdan down with him in the second round, got the referee into the most inept count in Garden history.

Muddle: Knockdown Timekeeper Jack Watson didn't think it was a knockdown and didn't start a count, even though Cerdan was up and Roach was kneeling. Referee Donovan thought a count was called for but, as the man in charge of the fight, fiddled and gestured at Watson instead of tolling off the seconds. The confusion gave Roach an estimated 18 to 22 seconds of rest he badly needed.

The last knockdown, in the eighth round, was dangerously unnecessary. Cerdan's wildly destructive attack, shifting to the head after two rounds of body hooks that dug deep into Roach's surprising recuperative power, had already clubbed the youngster down three times in that round. When he staggered up the third time, Roach was a helpless target but Donovan permitted one more clubbed right. It spun Roach across the ring and left him in a numb sprawl on the apron of the ring, and Donovan called a halt. Mon 3-22-48

Jack Johnson Got Up Off Floor In 12th Round To Knock Out Stanley Ketchel

1909 Fight Ending Was Sensational As Any In Ring History

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By FAY YOUNG

The Defender

AFTER JACK JOHNSON WHIPPED Tommy Burns in Australia on Dec. 26, 1908, the police stopping the world heavyweight champion fight in the 14th round, the American sport writers began clamoring for a "white hope" to lift the crown from the Negro's head.

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This clamor was led by Bob Edgren, cartoonist and writer and picked up—viciously—by many others in the north and all sports editors south of the Mason and Dixon line.

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In the meantime, Johnson was having his fun. He bought a Thompson Flier "Six Ninety" after having Fiat, a French automobile. Anyone would know Johnson was on the street because he drove with the cutout open and turned corners at high speeds—sometimes "on the rear two wheels."

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JOHNSON BEAT VICTOR McLaglen in Vancouver in six rounds on March 10, 1909. He fought Philadelphia Jack O'Brien in Philadelphia on May 19 of that year. The bout was a no-decision affair to keep within the bounds of the law of the state of Pennsylvania and the Quaker City. But there wasn't any question about Jack's being the victor even though the referee didn't dare to make a decision. Johnson collected $8,000.

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Johnson took on Tony Ross in Pittsburgh in a six-round no decision bout. He was content to toy with Ross for the full six rounds never at any time attempting to put any real power into his blows. That bout was on June 30, 1909.

On Sept. 19, 1909, Johnson took on the first of the "White Hopes" in the person of Al Kaufman in San Francisco. The bout was for 10 rounds and Johnson won out with the stipulation that if both he and Kaufman were still on the feet at the end of the 10th there was to be "no decision."

All during the year Stanley Ketchel, a hard-hitting middleweight, who tipped the scales at 160 pounds, was hurling through the press challenges to Johnson. Jack finally agreed to meet Ketchel in in Colma, California on October 16. Ketchel was world middleweight champion at the time.

KETCHEL DUCKS LANGFORD

Ketchel had—and perhaps he was wise in doing so—ignored Sam Langford's challenge for the world middleweight championship. The white public was clamoring for James J. Jeffries, who had retired undefeated, to come out of retirement and "save the white race."

Johnson ignored all references to any bout between Jeffries and himself. He was making vaudeville appearence and getting $1,500 each week for so doing with time off to get in shape for any setup fights he choose to make.

Johnson passed Ketchel's party in a white Lozier car which was doing 62 miles an hour, enroute to the fight arena. The late Bob Armstrong was with Johnson. Bob was praying that all in the Johnson party would arrive safe because Johnson had already been in one or two wrecks.

Although Ketchel was a middleweight, Johnson weighed 209 pounds. Both men were in excellent shape.

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Ketchel kept boring in which was his usual style. He landed several blows to Johnson's midsection in the third round. Johnson dropped Ketchel in the sixth with a straight left.

In the seventh, the white man let go one of his well-known powerhouse punches that caused the champion to wince. A hard right sent Ketchel reeling and the two men went into a clinch. Over in a neutral corner Ketchel landed a right to Johnson's jaw and the crowd, which was pulling for a Ketchel victory, unloosed a mighty cheer. The blow hadn't hurt Johnson as he took it easy for the balance of the round.

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KETCHEL TORE INTO Johnson in the eighth but the champion, known as the greatest defensive boxer that ever lived, was able to take care of himself. He sent lefts and rights to Ketchel's face. The challenger's nose bled. He bled from the mouth. His face was badly cut.

Ketchel won the 11th by a wide margin. His best blow was a right to Johnson's jaw.

The 12th round was a corker. It will go down in history along with Joe Louis's one-round knockout of Max Schmeling in the second meeting of the pair, as one of the greatest rounds in American prize fight history.

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Ketchel rushed from his corner. He let go a right which landed in Johnson's jaw. It lifted Jack off his feet and back he went to the canvas stretched flat on his back. Johnson [illegible]. The grin left his face. After the fight, Johnson claimed he slipped. Those who saw the fight say Johnson got up at the count of eight.

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THEN CAME THE end of the great fight, Johnson, his head having cleared and Ketchel, sensing the world championship, met in fury. Ketchel almost jumped at Johnson and Jack being the coolest of the two stood steady and let go a terrific left and a hard right both of which landed on Ketchel's jaw.

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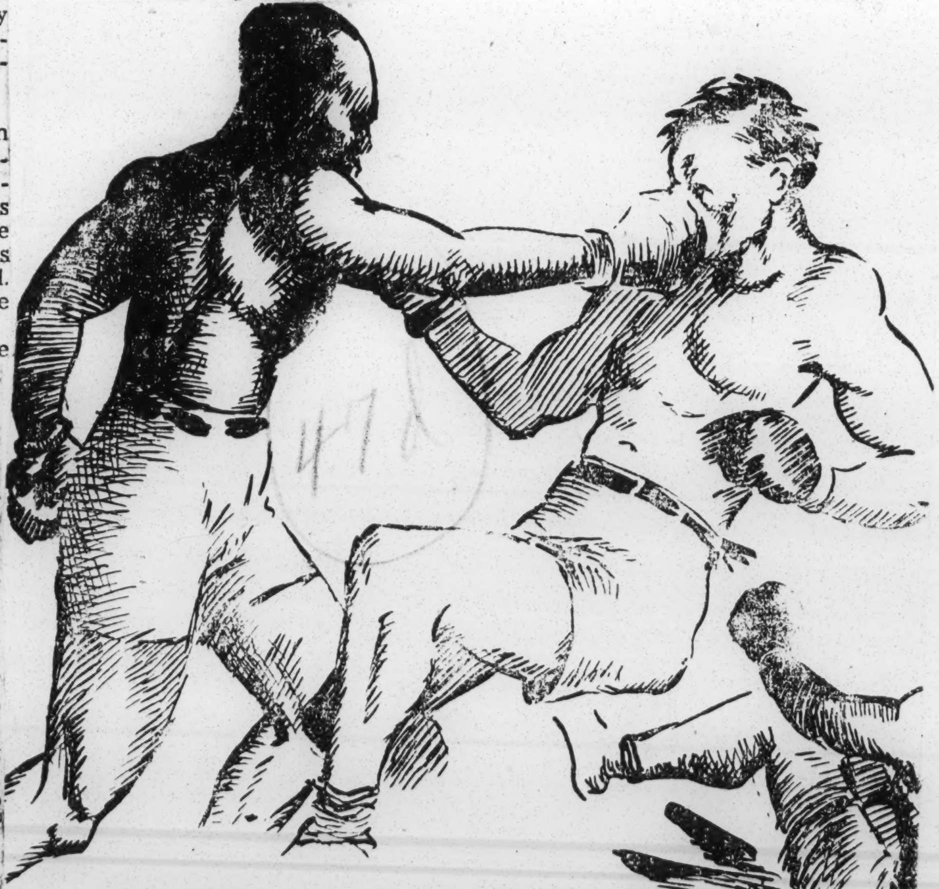
Both Ketchel and Johnson went down from the force of the blows. As the referee started the count, Johnson was up. Ketchel was out. The referee could have counted "One hundred-". Johnson retained his world heavyweight championship. It took several minutes for Ketchel to regain consciousness.

When Johnson's gloves were taken off—two of Kethel's broken teeth were found in the right one.

Willie Britt, Kitchel's manager, dropped dead of a broken heart shortly after the bout. Ketchel refused to fight again for several months.

Ketchel and Johnson were friends following the fight and when Johnson fought Jefferies, Ketchl was a member of Johnson's boxing party and proved a valuable assistant.

Ketchel was shot to death on a farm in Missouri years later.



JOHNSON GOT UP FROM THE RING FLOOR, ONE OF THE FEW TIMES HE HAD BEEN KNOCKED DOWN— TO KNOCK OUT KETCHEL IN ONE PUNCH!

Jack Says He Gave Up Championship

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CHAPTER ONE

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THIS is the 15th article in a continued series of copyrighted stories on outstanding persons and events in the sport world over a period of more than 50 years. The series includes baseball, boxing, football, basketball and track.

By FAY YOUNG

WAS the Jess Willard vs. Jack Johnson fight in Havana's Oriental Park race track on Monday, April 5, 1915 a fake?

Did the world heavyweight championship change hands because Johnson was promised a safe return to this country and that the Mann act charges against him would be squashed?

We have Johnson's statements that it was a fake fight as far as he was concerned.

We have seen pictures of the fight and have carefully looked the ones on the 26th round over time and again. We have noticed Johnson shielding his eyes from the rays of the hot tropical sun and his shoulders raised from the hot canvas.

All this and more, despite efforts of those who would have us believe that 31-year-old Jess Willard from Pottawatomi, Kan., knocked out Jack Johnson, the world champion, who was 37.

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WE HAVE carefully read Johnson's signed story in the New York World, years later, and still another one in the New York Evening Telegram. In both, Johnson admits "selling out." Yet later on, Johnson made another statement that he had "admitted the fight to be a fake merely because he was broke and needed the money he got from the stories."

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What the readers desire, and this part of Johnson's life took place before many of you were born, is the truth.

The story is too long for one chapter and therefore must be broken up into several. There are incidents leading up to this memorable battle—if it can be called that. And there are many reasons to believe that Johnson told the truth when he said he faked.

The reason that he changed his story was because boxing commissions all over the country refused to sanction his appearance in the ring because he had admitted that he "took part in a fake fight."

Whatever may be given as the cause of the persecution of Johnson, the real reason was that he was a Negro and had the "nerve" to beat a white man, Tommy Burns, for the world heavyweight championship, and had successfully defended it against James J. Jeffries in Reno, Nev., on July 4, 1910. Johnson's claim to the title was disputed by race-baiters, the leader of whom was Bob Edgren, New York writer, who came up with Jeffries saying that Jeff had retired undefeated and was still the champion as far as the white race was concerned. Added to this was Johnson's marriage to white women, his second trip to the altar following the suicide of his first wife in Chicago.

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THE WILLARD vs Johnson fight was the longest heavyweight championship fight since John L. Sullivan beat James Kilrain in 75 rounds in Richburg, Miss., on July 8, 1889, nearly 60 years ago.

The Havana fight is the longest in the history of prize fighting in which contestants wore gloves.

It was the only scheduled 45-round heavyweight championship fight since the bare knuckle bouts were discarded.

And search the record books, if you will, and you will find no heavyweight battle which last 75 minutes and 26 seconds of actual fighting.

Whatever may be said for or against Johnson, it is shown that he held the world championship longer than either Jack Dempsey or Jim Jeffries and until Joe Louis popped on the scene to hold the world title for more than 11 years, Johnson was credited with that honor.

T. A. Dorgan, writing in the New York Evening Journal, said: "Jack Johnson was the greatest heavyweight of all times." That was penned before the Joe Louis era.

Damon Runyon, one of the best boxing writers in the early 1900's, wrote: "I always thought that John Arthur at his best would have been too much for Jack Dempsey. He would have smothered up all the rushes of the Mannassa Mauler, it seems to me, and gradually cuffed him into submission. No greater defensive fighter than Johnson ever lived. He was not a sharp finishing puncher, he bounced his man around no little before knocking him over."

Ed W. Smith, sports editor of the old Chicago Examiner and widely known boxing critic and ring referee of his day wrote: "But many of Jack's predicaments came about, I happen to know, through a too-trusting faith in the white brethren be that to the everlasting discredit of the Caucasians with whom he dealt with so confidently, almost implicitly."

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AND FROM Johnson, himself, came the following: "It was this desire to return to my own people and to again look on the scenes that I loved and cherished that made my fight with Willard in Cuba, as far as I was concerned, merely an incident, a step in the direction of the goal toward which my heart led me—my home. In order to return to this home and ultimately resume my activities among those who meant the most to me, I was willing to make any sacrifice. This desire to wipe out all prejudices against me and to still criticism of my conduct included my willingness to permit Willard to . . ."

This unfinished statement is taken from a chapter in "Jack Johnson—Inside the Ring and Out," written by Johnson and refers to the Willard vs. Johnson fight in Havana on April 5, 1915.

Johnson's mother—Mrs. Tiny Johnson—died while he was in exile.

NEXT WEEK: Fay Young will tell of the incidents, places and persons leading up to the Willard-Johnson fiasco.

Jack Johnson Wins World's Heavyweight Championship From Tommy Burns

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Police Halt The Bout In 14th Round Back In 1908

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By FAY YOUNG

FOLLOWING JACK JOHNSON'S 11th round victory over Pueblo Jim Flynn in Colma, Calif., on Nov. 2, 1907, in a bout which had been scheduled for 45 rounds. Johnson started after a world championship match with Tommy Burns who had hopped to his native country, Australia, after taking the title from one Marvin Hart in Los Angeles on Feb. 23, 1906.

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In 1906, Johnson hobnobbed around Los Angeles. At Charley Oliver's boarding house, where he roomed, some of the waiters and buffet car porters on the Santa Fe railroad also stayed on their layover before returning to Chicago. It was Jack's custom to drop in and play a little whist or pitch—whichever was going. And the railroad men allowed Jack in the game although he was the only outsider permitted.

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Fred Harvey dining car men of that day can easily remember the man who afterwards became the first Negro to win the world's heavyweight championship. There were Jack Holmes, Mitchum, Garns, Grant, Clemor Hans Turner, Van Hook, Robinson and others.

Marvin Hart had beaten Johnson on March 28, 1905, on the Yosemite Athletic Club, in San Francisco, Hart weighed 180 and Johnson, 200.

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For some reason, after it was learned that Jeffries had retired did not intend to fight again, Hart was "generally considered" the champion.

There was a young light-heavyweight by the name of Tommy Burns, Australian, who knocked out Dave Barry on Aug. 31, 1905, in San Francisco in the 20th round.

Johnson sought a fight with Hart but the latter, having beaten him, refused to sign for a match with the former Galveston, Texas, boxer. Gus Ruhlin had taken 18 rounds to put Jim McCormick, a second rater, away. Philadelphia Jack O'Brien hammered the 43-year-old Fitzsimmons into submission in San Francisco on Dec. 20, 1905.

Burns finally got the title fight with Hart. It took place in Los Angeles, Feb. 23, 1906. Burns won every round and the world heavyweight championship. He defended his title six times in two years.

Burns defeated Jim Flynn in Los Angeles on Oct. 2, 1906, by a knockout. He fought Philadelphia Jack O'Brien in Frisco on Nov. 28, the same year and that fight was called a draw at the end of 20 rounds. Burns then won a 20-round referee's decision over Philadelphia Jack O'Brien in Los Angeles on May 8, 1907. The Australian champion, Bill Squires, came to this country and challenged Burns. The pair met in San Francisco on July 4. Twenty thousand turned out to see the fight. Burns feinted and then let go a hard right and Squires took the count and thus ended one of the shortest fights in the history of heavyweight boxing.

JOHNSON WHIPS OLD FITZ

ON July 17, 1907, Jack Johnson disposed of the aged Bob Fitzsimmons by knocking him out in the second round. On Sept. 12, Johnson boxed a six-round no decision affair with Sailor Burke.

After Burns' victory over Squires, he sailed for Europe. He beat Gunner Moir, the British champion on Feb. 25, 1907. The knockout came in the 10th round.

Thus with Burns in Europe, a match with the champion who was dodging behind the color line.

Tommy went to Ireland in March, 1908. He defeated the Irish champion and sailed for Australia. He beat Bill Lang on Sept. 2, in a short bout.

Since Tommy Burns' real name was Noah Brusso and he was born in Canada on June 17, 1881, the Australian papers didn't relish his victory over Bill Lang, a real Australian. Therefore the press took up the hue and cry that Burns should meet Johnson, the American Negro, for the world championship. Remembering their great champion, Peter Jackson, the Australian fans, especially those around Sidney, took up the cry. Popular opinion forced the match. Johnson had knocked out Lang in the ninth round in Melbourne, on March 4, 1907.

Said the New York Sun: "If Burns insists on ducking the issue, then Johnson will be entitled to the highest honors the ring can offer. He has done everything that one could ask and wily Tommy no longer can sidestep him, duck or dodge."

The staid St. Louis Post Dispatch printed an editorial which said:

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"Jack Johnson is a colored man, but we cannot get away from the fact he is the greatest living exponent of the art of hit and getaway and as such, is the outstanding challenger for the title which Tommy Burns claims, but which he is not entitled to until he puts Johnson out of the way. Li'l Arthur is entitled to a championship match by all the rules of combat that have been in existence since David fought Goliath."

However, Johnson and his manager, Sam Fitzpatrick, didn't have enough money to buy steamship ticket for Europe. George Considine and several big sportsmen staked Fitzpatrick to $5,000 and Johnson and Fitzpatrick were on their way to London.

Johnson and his manager followed Burns from one place to another.

In London they hoped to get a fight with Burns before the National Sporting Club. This failed.

On July 31, 1908, Johnson put Ben Taylor, English heavyweight champion down for the count in the eighth although it was evident to all at the ringside that the American could have won in any round he chose. Johnson followed with a four-round knockout of Fred Drummond. This bout also was in Plymouth.

MATCH FINALLY MADE

FINALLY the match with Burns was made. Johnson was to get $5,000 win, lose or draw. Burns was to get $35,000 win, lose or draw. The fight took place at Rushcutter's Bay, near Sydney, where a big wooden arena was available. Johnson's training camp was at Botany Bay. In his camp were Duke Mullins, chief adviser and second; Leo O'Donnell, Rudolph Unholz, Jack and George Walker, two brothers, all of whom were boxers.

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During Johnson's training, he received word that Burns wasn't satisfied with the contract after he had signed it, that the champion continued to make nasty remarks about Johnson's race and that Burns repeatedly referred to Johnson as "being yellow."

The subject of referee came up. A conference over who would referee the fight, Johnson and his manager along with Phyllis Bain, 7-year-old daughter of James Bain, manager of the National Amphitheatre, took place in the office of Promoter McIntosh. Burns became rather abusive and used profane language.

Johnson told Burns that if he swore again in front of the child that he, Johnson, would give him a licking right there and then.

The remark so angered Burns that he jumped up and made a move for his back pocket. As Johnson advanced on Burns, the latter grabbed a chair. By that time McIntosh grabbed Burns. But Johnson had his say. He pointed his finger at Burns and said "I will remember this when I get into the ring."

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Up to two days before the fight which was on Dec. 26, 1908, the newspapers, the public and all those mentioned in the contract were up in the air as to who would referee. Johnson and Fitzpatrick met with Burns and McIntosh..

Johnson surprised his manager by asking McIntosh to refree the fight. Fitzpatrick knew that McIntosh and Burns were friends. Fitzpatrick was about to raise a protest when Johnson informed him that he, Johnson, was doing the fighting and not Fitz.

McIntosh refereed. The papers announced Johnson's decision to allow Burns' friend to handle the bout. The news brought about a change in the betting odds where Burns had been a 5-4 favorite, he now was 7-4.

Burns received a great ovation when he entered the ring. A ripple of applause was given Johnson. The fans were cold towards referee McIintosh.

OUTCLASSES BURNS

JOHNSON far outclassed Burns A crowd of more than 20,000 was on hand. It was a one-sided bout all the way. A few seconds after the opening gong, Johnson cut loose with an uppercut that put Burns down for the count of eight. Johnson put Tommy on the floor again a few moments later.

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Burns was at a physical disadvantage. Johnson outweighed him by 20 pounds. Johnson's reach was three inches longer and Burns' height was three inches shorter than Johnson's.

Tommy was cut to ribbons. Johnson, remembering the episode in McIntosh's office when Burns threatened him with a chair, drove rights and lefts to Burns' face and body but put only enough power in the blows to sting Tommy. He was out to punish the French-Canadian.

Burns fought a courageous fight—and a clean one. Neither he nor Johnson used any illegal tactics In the seventh round, Johnson put more force in his punches. All during the fight both lefts and rights to the face

"Come on and fight." Johnson would yell at Burns. "You ain't shown nothing so far." Burns' answer was to call Johnson a "yellow cur." Johnson's answer to that was to cuff Burns with both lefts and rights to the face and grin.

CROWN NEW CHAMPION

IN round 14, Johnson incensed at one of Burns remarks, let go a hard right and down went Tommy. Burns' eyes had become swollen in the 12th. His jaw was swollen. In the 13th, Johnson had rained blow after blow in Burns' face and the bell saved Tommy who went to his corner reeling.

Between the 13th and 14th, the police officials had entered the ring to discuss with the referee the question of stopping the fight. Referee McIntosh asked Burns to quit but Tommy refused.

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Round 14: Johnson tore after Burns with a vengeance. If Tommy had refused to quit, Johnson now was going to MAKE him quit. Burns backed away. Johnson shuffled after him. A terrific right to the head dropped Burns. The referee counted to "eight" and Burns scrambled to his feet. Johnson stalked his foe. He let go both rights and lefts and as Burns began to totter, Johnson measured him for the punch which would have ended the fight. He never let it go.

The police inspector leaped into the ring. Johnson saw him coming and held the punch. "That' enough of it," he said.

A new world champion was crowned. A full-blooded American Negro was world heavyweight champion.

SEEK WHITE HOPE

Jack London, famous novelist and then on the staff of the New York Herald, was one of the few American newspapermen to see the title change hands. He wrote that "Jim Jeffries must come out of retirement and wipe the golden smile off the face of Johnson. Jeff, it is up to you, the white man must be rescued."

London was bitter because a Negro had climbed to the top ladder of fistic success. London's article, which is a good sample of one-sided sports reporting follows:

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"The fight! There was no fight! No American massacre could compare to the hopeless slaughter that took place in the Sydney Stadium. The fight, if fight it might be called, was like that between a pigmy and a colossus. It had all the seeming of a playful Ethiopian at logger-heads with a small white man—of a grown man cuffing a naughty child—of a monologue by Johnson who made a noise with his fist like a lullaby, tucking Burns into a crib—of a funeral, with Burns for the late deceased, Johnson for the undertaker, grave digger and sexton, all in one.

"There was no fraction of a second in all of the fourteen rounds that could be Burns. So far as damage is concerned, Burns never landed a blow. He never phased the black man. It was not Burns' fault, however. He tried every movement throughout the fight, except when he was groggy. It was hopeless, preposterous, heroic! He was a glutton for punishment as he bored in all the time, but a dew drop had more chance than he with the giant Texan.

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"Johnson play-acted all the time. He played with Burns from the opening gong to the finish of the fight. Burns was a mere toy in his hand. For Johnson it was merely a kindergarten romp.

"'Hit here, Tahmy,' he would say, exposing the right side of his unprotected stomach, and when Burns struck, Johnson would neither wince nor cover up. Instead, he would receive the blow with a happy, careless smile, directed at the spectators, turn the left side of his unprotected stomach and say 'now here Tahmy,' and while Burns did as directed, Johnson would grin again, chuckle and smile his golden smile.

"One criticism and only one can be passed on Johnson. In the thirteenth round he made the mistake of his life. He should have put Burns out. It would have been child's play. Instead, he smiled and deliberately let Burns stay until the gong sounded!

"In the opening of the fourteenth round the police stopped the fight and Johnson lost the credit of a knockout.

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But one thing now remains. Jim Jeffries must now emerge from his Alfalfa farm and remove that golden smile from Jack Johnson's face.

"Jeff, it's up to you. The White Man must be rescued."

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By LUCIUS C. HARPER

Minna Everleigh Jack Johnson; What About It?

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TWO recent events prompt the writing of this article. One is that our veteran sports editor, Fay Young, is penning some very interesting data on old masters of the ring, recalling at present the colorful career of Jack Johnson; the other is the passing of Minna Everleigh

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who died recently in New York at the age of seventy. Her right to fame was gained through operating a famous seraglio in the old Chicago redlight district at the turn of the century with her sister Ada, now living. It was known as the Everleigh Club, and the minimum fee was $100.

Because of such diversified occupations—a landlady and prizefighter—you may ask: why does Minna Everleigh's death and Jack Johnson's ring career tie-in? But they did, and to the downfall of Johnson. His entrance one night into that famous bagnio marked the "beginning of the end" to his marvelous rise in ring history. It was here, amid the high-priced tapestries of the Louis XV room, that Johnson first fell under the charm of Belle Schreiber, one of the lovely inmates, that finally led him to Leavenworth to serve a year and a day for violating the Mann Act.

Ignoring debates on the moral issue, it is not uncommon for sports like Johnson to be caught in such company. The Everleigh Club had as its clients men in the highest financial circles, sports of first rank, and even hypocrites clothed in the garments of the clergy were known to have slipped in on occasions for a little relaxation. A bottle of coke cost a dollar, and champagne was sipped out of golden slippers. The "sisters" were in right with the law, paying plenty of protection money through "Big Jim" Colosimo, who died some years later in a gang war with his head full of lead slugs. The murder was charged to Al Capone, a former flunky of Colosimo, whom he had befriended in his early hoodlum days.

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THE Everleigh sisters observed a strict color line, but Johnson was given the pass due to his prominence and colorfulness. Here he wooed Belle Schreiber and the contact lasted for some time until Belle went to Pittsburgh for greener pastures, and Johnson went to the Coast to train for his auto race with Barney Oldfield. Months passed and when Belle's Pittsburgh landlady learned of her fancy for a "colored lover," as she phrased it, she ousted her and spread the word to other mistresses of fabulous brothels, thus depriving Belle of her means of livelihood. Belle became desperate, and she remembered that Johnson's best friend, Frank Sutton, a saloon-keeper, who had help Jack train for the Jeffries fight, lived in Pittsburgh. She appealed to Sutton for Johnson's phone number.

Belle made a plea to Johnson through long-distance. He wired her $200 as a relief fund. Dispossessed and "ruined" in Pittsburgh, she went to her home in Milwaukee and then to Chicago. The Mann Act was not then a law. She never saw Johnson during this transaction; not until months later when she was produced in federal court to testify against him, and then she did not admit that he had imported her for immoral purposes or shared in the profits of her illicit profession, which the government—under the Mann Act—sought to indicate. Johnson, in fact, was convicted in error. The Mann Act was not a law when he wired Belle transportation funds. It became so months later, but the government seemed to have stretched a point to include the Johnson case in it.

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WHAT actually convicted Johnson was public opinion. His first white wife, Etta Duryea, had killed herself in Jack's swanky club in Chicago, Cafe De Champion. Johnson had two colored wives, Mary Austin and Clara Kerr, previous to this episode. After this suicide and because of the victim's race, newspapers began to ride Johnson. He was, thereafter, a marked man. Then another love affair cropped up in his life. He began to be seen with his cashier, Lucille Cameron, a charming white girl. She pleaded with Johnson to marry her. Jack told her to get the consent of her mother, who rebelled in no uncertain terms. She came to Chicago. Johnson met her at the station for a conference.

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And here is where the newspapermen poisoned the mind of the public against Johnson. On the way from the station in Johnson's auto, Lucille's mother pulled the shades down in the car. (Cars had shades then.) Johnson objected and lifted them, saying: "It isn't any disgrace to ride in my car." Reporters were trailing them. When Jack's car stopped a reporter jumped on the running board. Johnson shoved him off and he hit the dust. That proved to be the "great offense." Reporters interviewed Lucille's mother, and learned about the shade incident. but they put this poisoned-dart in it and attributed it to Johnson: "It isn't any disgrace to ride in my car, any white woman in the city would be proud to get in here." And that did the trick.

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JOHNSON, upon Lucille Cameron's plea, married her. They went to Battle Creek, Mich., for a rest, but before they could get out of their stateroom, federal agents banged on the door and arrested him on the Belle Schreiber case, and the newspapers again "shot the works" on him. Johnson was found guilty. He appealed the case and it was reversed. But during the time, he had become a fugitive and the court held he was in contempt. It, therefore, appears that the only thing Johnson did with reference to Belle Schreiber was to help her out of a tight spot, for which he got a year and a day, and a fine of $1,000. Thus ended the story that had its birth in the famous Everleigh Club, a fabulous brothel that hasn't been reproduced even unto this day.

BILLY ROSE

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Tiff With the Bearded Lady

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Did you ever hear the one about Jack Johnson, the heavyweight champ, and Hairy Hannah, the Bearded Lady?

Well, I've been hearing it at least once a year for almost 15 years from my old friend, "Professor" Sam Wagner.

"It had rained a lot that Summer, and trade was way off," Sam told me. "To perk things up, I hired the conqueror of James J. Jeffries and paid him $350 a week, an all-time tops for a Coney sideshow attraction.

"Until I hired old Jack, Hairy Hannah had been my stellar attraction. A minute after I billed Johnson's name over hers, the bearded lady came to my office and threatened to quit. 'That baboon ain't no freak,' she screamed. 'He's got five fingers and five toes like everybody else.'

"I WARNED Johnson that night that Hairy Hannah was out to cause him trouble. The big fellow only laughed. 'Tell her to be nice,' he said, 'and I'll introduce her to the House of David Baseball Team. If she curls her beard pretty, who knows—she may even get to marry the pitcher.'

"The crack about her beard got back to Hannah and it hurt her. Real freaks are quite snobbish, you know. They consider themselves the royalty of the sideshow world, and look down upon performers such as mentalists, tattooed wonders and flea manipulators. And as for ball players, Channel swimmers and similar celebrities—well, they just don't rate at all on a midway. Tues

Atlanta, Ga.

"Hairy Hannah went to work on Jack Johnson the day he opened. While he was shadow boxing, she stood at the edge of the crowd and yelled 'Has been!' Johnson occasionally wore a beret between shows. Hannah started a whispering campaign around the Island that he was effeminate. What seemed to get her maddest was Jack's way of sipping beer through a straw. 'Only trained monkeys drink beer that way,' she told him.

The Constitution

"The ex-heavyweight champ paid no attention to Hannah's hecklings. This drove her nuts. She began to brood and pull strands of hair out of her beard. I warned her that this was a violation of her contract. 1-13-48

"ONE NIGHT I saw her huddling with a newspaper reporter who was covering the Island. The next day, as the fighter went into his act, she hollered from her booth, 'That's the bum who laid down to Jess Willard in 1915.'

"Johnson said nothing, but I could see he didn't like the crack. A couple of days later the postman began bringing Hannah a lot of mail advertising dandruff remedies and cures for falling hair. Hannah passed out and missed two performances the day she received complimentary copies of The Tonsorial Times and The Barber's Boon Companion. By this time, a good part of the left side of her beard was gone.

"And then Johnson let go with the haymaker. One day a dignified looking gent came around to Hannah's booth and said he represented the Mulcahey Mattress Company. 'I hear you're accepting sealed bids for your beard,' he told her. The Constitution

"Hannah almost had a conniption. 'What makes you think I'd shave off my meal ticket!' she screeched. Atlanta, Ga

"'It's been brought to our attention that you've fallen in love with Jack Johnson,' the stranger grinned, 'and that Mr. Johnson refuses to go out with any female who isn't clean shaven.'

"That night Hannah walked out of the show and never came back to Coney Island. We heard later she was at the Mayo Clinic under an assumed name taking gland treatments, but that may have been a malicious rumor. 1-13-48

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JACK JOHNSON

THROUGH THE YEARS - - - - with Fay Young

As Jefferies vs. Johnson Fight Time Neared, Expert Opinions Differed

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THIS is the 11th of a series of copyrighted articles on outstanding individuals and events in the sports world. This series will include Baseball, Basketball, Football and Track.

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By FAY YOUNG

IT TAKES A LONG TIME to get to the actual ring battle between James J. Jeffries and Jack Johnson, then world ~~heavyweight~~ champion by virtue of the latter's win over Tommy Burns in Australia on Dec. 26, 1908. The reason is that there were so many interesting (at least they are now) things that preceded the July 4, 1910 fight.

In the last article we dealt with facts concerning an attempt to poison Johnson and the flowery stories being sent out of Reno Nev., on Jeffries' condition. Now we pick up from there.

ON JULY 1, 1910, William Jennings Bryan, Free Silver Democrat who sought the presidential nomination on several occasions but finally wound up in President Wilson's cabinet, spoke from his hometown, Lincoln, Neb. He praised Gov. Gillett of California for "running the Jeffries vs. Johnson fight out of San Francisco ." Nevada went through with its promise that the fight could be held there and was the only state which would allow the contest.

Joe Woodman, manager of Sam Langford, went to Johnson's training camp to watch the champion work out. Johnson sent a messenger to inform Woodman that he was not wanted and to please make his exit. Woodman insisted that the hotel was public and said he wasn't going to leave. Johnson, in a very dignified manner, went to Woodman and personally requested Langford's manager not to tarry any longer. Woodman left.

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The ill-feeling Johnson had for Woodman dated back to San Francisco where Woodman wanted to bet that Langford could whip Johnson. Fuel was added to the fire when Langford circulated stories that the "fight was fixed for Johnson to lay down."

In Chicago, George W. Little, Johnson's ex-manager, had filed suit for $12,000 and had attached the Johnson home at 3344 South Wabash ave. The suit was to be tried before Municipal Judge Goodnow. On July 2, Adolph Marks, later to become state senator from the first Illinois district and a close friend of Edward H. Wright, later the first Negro to become Illinois Commerce Commissioner, went before Judge Goodnow and asked that the suit be dismissed. Marks represented Little.

Bob Motts, owner of the Pekin theatre, 27th and State sts., Chicago, offered to bet $1,000 of his own money and $800 which had been placed in his hands by friends that Johnson would win. Motts insisted on getting odds at 2 to 1. Tom O'Leary, ex-Chicago gambling king, offered 1-2 on Jefferies and 8-3 on Johnson.

Tex Rickard, the promoter, announced in Reno that no children 10 years old or younger would be admitted into the arena.

Johnson received Dr. W. C. Parker, family physician for six years. He was so polite to his opponent's doctor that D. Parker was flabbergasted. He examined Johnson and found his heart action good and his body physically sound. He stated afterwards that Johnson's mind was good.

On July 3. Johnson money appeared in chunks in Reno, two days before the fight.

Sam Berger, manager of Jeffries, sort of fell out. Result was that Joe Choyniski, Berger and Frank Gotch, a close friend of Jeffries would see the fight but sit apart and no advice would asked of them.

George F. Harting, who had kept time for more than 1,000 prize fights, was named as official timekeeper.

James J. Corbett, who wrote that he believed Jeffries should have done more boxing in his training, bet $5,000 on Jeffries to win.

Johnson sold out one-third of his interest for $50,000. Had he stood pat for a few minutes, Tom O'Day might have offered him as high as $100,000, O'Day told reporters after the deal had been closed. Johnson got $16,000 less than Jeffries got for his one-third.

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THE WEIGHTS AND measurements of the two men were made public on July 3. They were:

JEFFRIES		JOHNSON
35	age	32
218	weight	209
6 ft., 1¼	height	6 ft., 1-4 in.
75 ins.	reach	72
18½	neck	17¼
46	chest, normal	39
51	chest, expanded	42 3-4
13 1-4	forearm	14 1-2
16 1-2	biceps	16
25	thigh	23
16 3-4	calf	15
10	ankle	9 1-2

Predictions on the outcome of the fight differed. Top men in boxing game said:

James J. Corbett—Jeffries is too strong for Johnson and will win.

John L. Sullivan—Johnson will win. I never knew any fighter to come back and win.

Tommy Burns—I can't see anybody in this fight but Johnson.

George Little—Johnson will win.

Mike Murphy—Jeffries is overtrained, Johnson will win on condition.

Referee Ed Smith—The betting is out of line. Jeffries is no 1-6 favorite. If it is a long battle, Johnson will win.

Hugh McIntosh, Australian promoter—I can't see anything in it but the colored person. This Johnson is a deucedly clever fellow and no bull-like man like Jeffries can hammer him down. I think the fight will be over in 20 rounds. I can't think of anyone staying out of the fight game five to six years and maintain his hitting ability and his judgement.

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Abe Attel—Johnson is the cleverest but Jeffries will get his goat.

Battling Nelson—Jeffries can't come back to form. Johnson's speed will be too much for him.

Sam Langford—Johnson is afraid of me and I am scared to death of Jeffries so the hairy man should win in a canter.

Al Kaufman—I have boxed with Johnson long enough to know that he is the cleverest big man in the business and he should trim Jeffries whom I think has shot his bolt. If Jeffries forces the fighting, Johnson should win quickly.

Jack Root—I fancy Jeffries although six years absence from the ring might have hurt him. I think Jeffries is too strong even for a clever fellow like Johnson.

Stanley Ketchell—Johnson is a stiffer puncher than the people think and he will surely knock out Jeffries.

W. H. Corbett (Sydney referee)—It will be Johnson. He's the class just now. Jeffries is too old and he's overtrained.

Bob Armstrong—If Johnson stands up and fights, it won't take long for Jeffries to finish him. If he runs, it will be slow death.

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..George Cotton—Johnson is the greatest boxer who ever put on a glove. He can hit. It is next to impossible to hit him.

Tom Flanagan (Johnson's new manager)—I never saw a man more fit for a test of skill. Johnson is perfect physically. It will be a great fight. Johnson does not underrate Jeffries but confidence is the thing.

A NEW YORK SYNDICATE bet $40,000 against $25,000 put up by an English sportsman. The money was held by Manager Bowman, Dunlop Hotel, Atlantic City, N. J.

In Chicago, Mrs. Tiny Johnson, mother of Jack, told reporters that her son had sent two telegrams to her two days before the fight. "He said he would win and leave Monday night, July 4, right after the fight and arrive in Chicago on Thursday, July 7," she said.

CHICAGO PASTORS' COMMENT

The Rev. William D. Cook, pastor of Quinn Chapel A. M. E. church, 24th and Wabash said: "Boys of both races should be taught that fighting is degrading and that they should not aspire to become a Johnson or a Jeffries."

The Rev. Archibald J. Carey, pastor of Institutional A. M. E. church, 3825 Dearborn st., said: "I look upon the fight as a manifestation of the brutal on the part of both men... The fight is interesting from a sociological point of view inasmuch as it is charged that the Negro race is degenerating physically. I will watch the outcome from this point of view and will be glad for Johnson to win if it demonstrates the fact that our race is getting stronger."

JOHNSON'S FINAL STATEMENT

"I have trained faithfully for this fight. I am going to win. I will be in there fighting at every turn. There will be no lagging. Anytime I hit the other fellow, I am going to hurt him and I will win as quickly as I can. I am prepared for a long contest... The tap of the gong will be music to me."

JEFFRIES' FINAL STATEMENT

"I realize full well just what depends on me, and I am not going to disappoint the public ...I am as sound as a dollar ...I think I will surely beat Johnson. I would not have signed to fight at all unless I was reasonably sure of victory...

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In This Corner . . .

Daily Worker Fri. 2-20-48 New York, N.Y.

By Bill Mardo

The Beau Jack Story

THERE WAS A TIME when the night of a Beau Jack fight meant big things on 49th Street . . . milling crowds pushing their way across 8th Avenue clutching their tickets like precious jewels . . . the disappointed hundreds outside who couldn't get in and just hung around in front of Mickey Walker's . . . the unique excitement in the tightly packed Garden lobby . . . the full house inside to bring those clucking castinets of Mike Jacobs into happy harmony . . . and the whooping appreciative roar when the Beau came hopping down the aisleway and stepped into the ring for one of those inimitable hurricane sessions. . . .

He was the biggest early war draw the 20th Century Club had, a magnificent fighting machine who bustled and hustled and threw punches in bunches . . . not the knockout kind, but the crowd pleasing colorful bolos and uppercuts and rat-a-tat jabs and constant stepping forward, always looking for his man, always coming to him, boxing with an effervescent sort of skill that kept the onlooker fascinated by its sheer energy. . . . The time he flattened Allie Stolz of the glass jaw, and then picked up the fragile lightweight by his heels and dragged him back to the stool . . . that was the night he copped the lightweight crown. Fri. 2-20-48

Those other nights when he put the final skids under old Fritzie Zivic . . . **(that was for my idol Henry Armstrong, the Beau said later, without any malice, just happy he was able to square things for the man whom he worshipped and imitated).** Many years later the Beau told me of that other night when he was forced to fight the comebacking Armstrong. . . . **"I cried the whole night before that fight . . . could've knocked Henry out in the fourth round . . . hit him one under the heart and he started to sag . . . but I pulled him up . . . clinched . . . Henry's my idol. . . ."**

Rare thrilling fights with Bob Montgomery, whom he lost, won and lost to in three lightweight title matches . . . another time when first his knee bothered him and his managers greedily let him limp his way to a decision loss with Bobby Ruffin . . . that pained bewildered look in his eyes later in the dressing room . . . not so much concern for his leg . . . but did he let the fans down.

O but Beau Jack's career had such a wild crazy pattern to it . . . from out of the sickening anonymous battle royals in Georgia which the wealthy sportsmen enjoyed . . . then the realization they had a gold mine in this magnificently built kid . . . sent him north where the money was . . . a spectacular surge through the small clubs in and around New York . . . the Queensboro . . . St. Nicks . . . the the Garden. . Fri. 2-20-48

AND TONIGHT HE comes back . . . now 27 years old . . . not the fighter he once was . . . but another ex-champ trying the comeback route like so many others before him . . . in his case it's a crime because that knee which crippled him before the Ruffin fight later suffered another injury when he slipped and fell in training after his Army discharge . . . a faulty operation . . . the fight with Janiro soon after and that horrible moment in the fourth round when his kneecap split right before a ringsider's eyes . . . how he crumpled to the canvas . . . his face writhed in agony but grabbing the ropes with one hand and hauling himself up off the floor . . . trying to drag the crippled leg after him as he went forward again . . . looking for his man . . . and then he sagged . . . fell flat on his back, rolling around there in his own corner as the ref halted the fight . . . and the pained hush around the ring and all the way upstairs as two men came hurrying in with a makeshift stretcher to carry Beau Jack from the ring. . . .

He lay there is his dressing room, not saying much . . . but the fools who managed him patted him on the head and said don't worry Beau you'll be back again in six months . . . the money-mad little guy who answers to the name of Wergeles concernedly asking reporters was it a good show. . . . The ambulance pulled up to a halt on the 50th St. side of the Garden and two internes came rushing in, slid a stretcher under the Beau's body and drove away. . . . Another operation early the next morning . . . his manager telling everyone in the hospital lobby that Beau'd be "good as new" inside of seven months . . . the docs swear it. . . .

YES, AND TONIGHT he's back, the knee has held up under a half-dozen tests out of town, but it takes a blind man or maybe a promoter and a manager and a few handlers and a hypocritical Commission not to see that Beau favors that left leg whenever he boxes . . . whenever he walks there's an ever so slight stiff awkwardness to his gait . . . sure, suspend LaMotta seven months for not telling the Commish his side was injured before the Fox bout . . . but let a handicapped Beau Jack go back into the ring because whatthehell didn't they tap his knee with a tiny hammer last Monday and didn't they tell him to hop around and give him all the hundred and one foolish little tests that prove nothing, let alone equal the cumulative strain a leg feels under the mad pace Beau fights at inside the ring . . . and wasn't he submitted to the same examinations the day of the Janiro fight? 2-23-48

Daily Worker New York, N.Y. Mon. 2-23-48

Business, Trade Body Names C. E. Prothro Executive Secretary

Daily World Atlanta, Ga. Wed. 2-18-48

The Atlanta Business and Trade Association held their monthly meeting to night at the Butler St. YMCA with president J. R. Henderson presiding.

A heated open discussion of ways to encourage Negro business men and women of Atlanta to bind them selves with the organization was the high light of the meeting. This discussion brought on a proposal to appoint five vice presidents in the five respective districts here. The appointments are being held open for worthy leaders in the districts.

The association plans to sponsor one meeting a month of the noted Hungry club; which will include the engagement of a speaker and the arrangement for the dinners.

A group of 45 business men from Nashville, Tenn., are expected to be the guest of the Association soon and will stage an inspection of the various business concerns owned and operated by Atlanta Negro business men and women.

Three newly elected officers were installed into office as follows: Mr Charles E. Prothro Executive secretary, Mrs. C. R. Pearson Recording Sec. and Mr. E. L. Wright Treasury

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PRETTY BLONDE RESCUED FROM NEGRO KIDNAPER

The Record Columbia, S.C. Fri. 3-12-48

NEW YORK, March 12—(UP)—The pretty, blonde daughter of a McKeesport, Pa., hotel owner was rescued from a Brooklyn furnished room where police said she had been held captive by a Negro kidnaper.

Wilfred Jenkins, 23, the Negro, was arrested on charge of kidnaping diminutive Irene Papp, 22, on March 10 in McKeesport.

The girl told police that Jenkins subdued her with ether, then brought her to New York in her own expensive blue convertible.

Her father, Andrew Papp, owner of the Third avenue hotel in McKeesport, notified New York police who found the couple. Fri.

Miss Papp told police Jenkins had not molested her. 3-12-48

Police said that Jenkins, a salesman, had confessed the abduction.

Miss Papp, although unnerved by the ordeal, was unharmed, police said. They would not allow her to talk to reporters.

In McKeesport, the girl's brother, Joseph, said the kidnaping took place about 4 a. m. Wednesday. The Record

Papp said he heard his sister screaming in front of the small hotel which the family operates. He looked out a window and saw his sister being forced into her own automobile by a Negro.

Papp said he recognized the man as "Willie Jenkins, a Negro who had once attempted to obtain a marriage license to marry Miss Papp. Columbia, S.C.

The brother said Miss Papp had nothing to do with Jenkins' attempts to marry her.. Fri.

Papp, who notified McKeesport police of the kidnaping, said he had once loaned Jenkins some money to set up a confectionary store, and that he had refused to repay the loan. 3-12-48

BEAU JACK vs. TERRY YOUNG New York, N.Y. —I was away while Jack was a whirling fighting fury and never did see him at the thrilling best related to me by those who saw him when he had it. What I say Friday night was a hard punching brawler with lots of heart whose mobility is clearly reduced by the stiffness of his left knee.

He swarmed out, almost knocked out his tough opponent in the opening flurry, was knocked down by Young and finished slugging madly toe to toe in one of the hottest rounds of Garden history. I thought he won the fight 5 rounds to 4 with one even, but that's not the point. Point is he took a terrific walloping, that in the sixth he was helpless against the ropes while Young levelled against him and that he better not take many more such beatings.

In Young's dressing room afterward the battered victor showed a badly swollen right hand and opined he would have certainly KO'd the Beau in the 6th if it hadn't been for that. I can believe him. Beau, a gallant lad, thought the fight too close to complain, and cheerfully said in response to a question, "Sure I'd like to fight him again. Next Friday night's OK" Daily Worker

It's cheap to hand out advice, but my advice to Beau would be to realize that his bad knee makes him incapable of fighting in his old form again and lays him open to too much punching by fighters he would have belted out in a hurry a few years back. Mon.

Hang 'em up, Beau and go into the records as one of the best little fighters with one of the biggest hearts we've seen. 2-23-48

Beau Jack Reported "Broke" After Earning Half-Million

Daily World Atlanta, Ga

Thurs. 7-22-48

NEW YORK, N. Y.—(SNS) — A fabulous little boxer, who fought with his head and hands is near the end of the fistic trail. He is 27-year-old Beau Jack, nee Sidney Walker of Augusta, Ga., who came North to Eastern boxing circles in 1941, under the guardianship of Bowman Milligan. Steward of the Augusta National Golf Club.

As a caddy at the Augusta club, Jack was sponsored by a group of millionairies, who were attached to Milligan as much as to Beau. Milligan effected an arrangement with bustling Chick Wergeles, who became the official manager.

Winning boxin highest laurels as lightweight king, Beau Jack in 20 main events at Madison Square Garden earned $1,558,074. No other boxer ever did as well in that giant emporium of swat, where in eight years as a pro, he collected purses totaling close to $500,000. In 1943 and '44 alone, he grossed $270,000.

EARNINGS INVESTED

Daily World

Strangely enough, Beau Jack wound up with only 37 1-2 per cent of his earnings. Milligan is rumored to have received as much of the purse, dollar for dollar, as the fighter until they split out in the winter of 1947. Atlanta, Ga.

News-hounds have it that their money went to a New York broker, where one of the millionaire sponsors guided its investment and speculation. Thurs. 7-22-48

Beau had a contract with Milligan entitling him to 50 per cent of his earnings. Milligan agreed to split end with Wergeles. There was an understanding that expenses were Wergeles. There was an understanding that expenses were to come out of their half. Wergeles, however contends he was required to pay all expenses for Beau's last 11 fights under the dual managerial arrangement and is currently suing.

WALL STREET HANDLERS Thurs.

It is now a fact that out of Beau Jack's half million in purses, he got about $185,000. Taxes cut that figure sharply. His Wall Street handlers helped add to the income for awhile but that went wrong. He and Milligan split and all income, stick etc., was divided.

To add to the fighter's misery a divorce settlement nicked him for $10,000 a couple of years ago. Add to this the court ordered him to pay $2,500 annually for the support of his three children.

LAVISH LIVING 7-22-48

A year of lavish living with his second wife Margaret depleted his bankroll. Even now Margaret is suing him for a divorce.

The bloody and brutal beating taken by Jack in his encounter with Ike Williams means that no longer can he command big purses on the basis of his name and ability. Atlanta, Ga.

Although, he drew more people into the Garden than Rocky Graziano, Joe Louis, or Hammerin' Henry Armstrong, the Beau will never be a rich man. Daily World

Beau Jack has been receiving his two-thirds with topnoch fights becoming a rarity, he can no longer count on being in real money.

BEAU JACK ON COMEBACK TRAIL AS A WELTERWEIGHT

The New York Times

N.Y. N.Y.

Thurs 11-25-48

The former lightweight champion in his fight in Philadelphia Tuesday night with Chuck Taylor, over whom he scored a technical knockout. Thur. 11-25-48

Associated Press Wirephoto

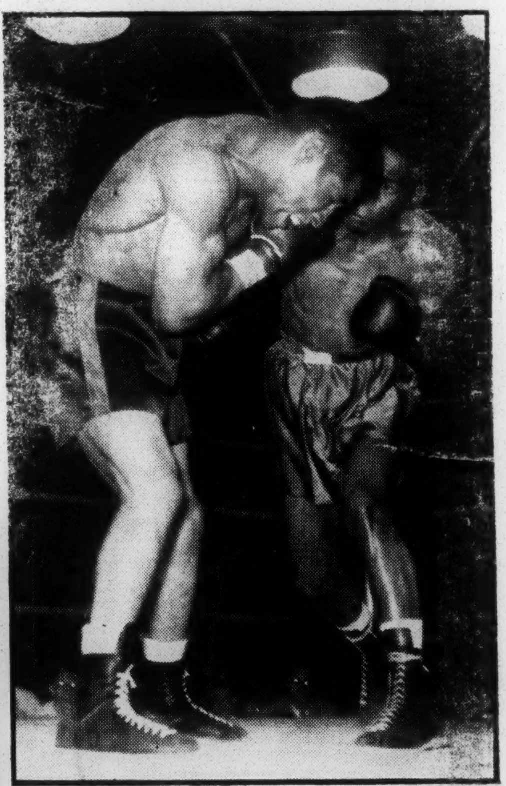
The Man Who Wouldn't Go Down

Time

Mon. 9-26-49

Beau Jack, the Negro shoeshine boy from Georgia, had earned about $500,000 in the ring and kept almost none of it. Recently he blew in the last big chunk on a flashy new car, but insisted "I'll be all right." For he was the Golden Boy, who drew more cash customers into Madison Square Garden than any fighter living. He had twice won & lost the lightweight crown. No fighter had ever knocked him down for the full count.

In Philadelphia last week, it would have been better for Beau had he obeyed the laws of physics and fallen down. In the sixth round, Champion Ike Williams (alias the Trenton Tiger) had him backed into a corner, a helpless hulk. Ike punched away until his arms grew weary, then lowered his gloves and looked at the referee as if to say: "Aren't you gonna stop it?" What was holding Beau up? None of the 12,952 spectators knew. Getting no help from the referee, Ike reluctantly went back to pounding his victim. When Referee Charley Daggert finally called a halt, the beaten Beau was still propped up in the corner. He could still claim that he had never been counted out.



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BEAU JACK & IKE WILLIAMS

A question in the corner.

Chicago Del

But at 27, Beau was through as a battler—even if he wouldn't admit it. In the locker room after the fight, he muttered through swollen lips: "I'd like one more fight—I'd like to get Williams again." Beau's share of the gate—$13,671—wasn't much to retire on after his manager got through taking his cut.

Says champion lured his wife with expensive gifts

Tribune

Los Angeles, Calif.

NEW YORK — Joe Louis was named co-respondent in a suit for divorce filed here this week by an Army chaplain, Captain Matthew Faulkner, against his wife, Carole, mother of his two children.

Louis is accused of taking advantage of the Army chaplain's absence to steal the affections of the attractive Mrs. Faulkner with "offers of furs, jewelry, clothes, expensive perfumes and ephemeral glamour so that it caused her to cease loving me and she neglected our children." 1-3-48 Sat.

Louis is accused specifically of having given Mrs. Faulkner "two pocketbooks, each costing more than $100, some dresses, a beaver fur coat, bracelets and exquisite perfume."

In the suit filed immediately after Christmas, Captain Faulkner said published photographs and newspaper articles have linked his wife and the heavyweight champion, "intimating their conduct was not purely platonic, but also of an intimate nature and carried on in a notorious manner." The chaplain said he has suffered "humiliation, contempt and disgrace in the community" as a consequence.

In his absence on duty at Chanute Field, Ill., Faulkner said, his wife "flounced around in bars and nightclubs and public places, displaying affection and infatuation' with Louis.

On Dec. 1, the soldier charged, after he had been on furlough not more than three hours, his wife "was seen on the arm of and escorted publicly by a prizefighter who bears the ring nomenclature of Joe Louis, they being seen in loving huddles and poses". At the 3:30 the the next morning, Faulkner charged, his wife came home, "arriving in a black limousine driven by Louis' chauffeur." Sat.

In the quarrel which followed, Mrs. Faulkner told him she no longer loved him, the aggrieved husband said. The scene made him so ill he had to be taken by ambulance to Fort Jay where he remained until Dec. 15, the chaplain said. 1-3-48

Mrs. Faulkner visited him in the hospital only once and then to tell him "she had found someone who could give her more money, clothes and glamour that she longed for to the extent of leaving me and our children." Tribune

The next night, Faulkner said his wife failed to feed the children and spent the entire night at 555 Edgecombe avenue, which is Louis' address. Los Angeles

Captain Faulkner has asked for the custody of the children, Matthew Kenneth, four, and Oran Drake, two. Calif.

Louis Acclaimed As Race Inspiration

Daily World

Sun.

NEW YORK — (NNPA)— "Joe Louis has done more for the Negro race outside the ring than he has inside it," Wendell Smith, sports editor of the Pittsburgh Courier and columnist for the Chicago Herald-American, declared Monday night, June 28, at the Press Club of New York City's sports dinner. Atlanta, Ga.

The dinner, held in the newly decorated dining room of the Hotel Theresa, was given in honor of the out-of-town newsmen present in the city for the Louis-Walcott fight. Over eighty newsmen, sports luminaries and guests heard Smith and Joe Yancey, director of the New York Pioneer Club, who were the principal speakers.

Declaring that sports is the most important field we have right now, Smith said that Louis' deportment and ability have shown America that "all Negroes do not pick cotton, clean chickens or spend Saturday nights in jail." He also singled out for special mention such Negro sports stars as Jersey Joe Walcott, Jackie Robinson, Larry Doby, Harrison, Dillard and Jesse Owens. 7-4-48

SIGNIFICANT CHAPTER

Smith said that if Louis retires following his Walcott fight, it will make the end of a significant chapter in the life of the country and the history of sports.

Yancey, who heads an inter-racial organization, disclosed that his club was taking twenty-eight colored and white athletes to Milwaukee, June 29 for the National AAU Championships. He pointed out that this was the largest goup ever taken by any club to the national championships.

In listing the members of his club who he expects to win Olympic honors, Yancey named such stars as Billy Mathis, Tom Carey and Ed Conwell, in the sprints; Dave Bolden, Roscoe Browne and Reggie Pearman in the quarter-mile: Willie Steele and Lorenzo Wright in the broad jump; Charles Fonville in the shot put and Harrison Dillard in the hurdles.

FIRST PUBLIC AFFAIR

The sports dinner was the first public affair of the Press Club. Julius J. Adams, associate editor of the New York Amsterdam News and president of the Press Club, introduced the prominent guests at the dinner and the members of the club, James Reid, vice president of the organization, listed the aims and purposes of the club to the guests. William Staples of the New York Age, was master of ceremonies.

Among the guests attending the affair were:

Mrs. Eva Hill and Mrs. Susie Smith, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Dr. Leo Robinson, Springfield, O.; Jno Diaz, Florida Bureau, Pittsburgh Courier; Dr. Lawrence D. Reddick, Atlanta University; Dr. William C. Kilpatrick, of Beekman Hospial; Robert Adams, Chicago; Dr. Thomas Day, Mount Morris Park Hospital; Samuel Richardson, Local 15, AFL and Charles Bailey, Harlem representative of Schenley Distillers.

Also Mrs. Julius Adams, Percy Robertson, Stanley Green, J. Howard Payne, an attorney; Mrs. Ester Parham, Elaine Robinson, Dr. Charles C. Hunt, John Hill, an attorney; Dr. William O. Speight, Jr. Mrs. Mae Wright, Eckford, Dr. Kenneth Topping, Roosevelt Zanders, Mrs. James Campbell, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Randolph.

Denies Romance Says Mate Was Upset By War

The Defender

Sat 7-10-48

BY LILLIAN SCOTT

(Defender New York Bureau)

Chicago, Ill.

NEW YORK, — Carolle Drake Faulkner, whose husband, Rev. Matthew Faulkner, a former army chaplain is seeking $500,000 from heavyweight champion Joe Louis for alienation of her affections, made two startling disclosures to the Chicago Defender Saturday, as the alleged romance headed into a Chicago court.

She believes her husband is mentally disturbed as a result of his war experiences, and she had absolutely no knowledge of the case until her lawyers advised her that a suit had been filed, Mrs. Faulkner, mother of two children, declared.

In Cook County Superior Court last Friday, Atty. Sol. R. Friedman filed the suit for Rev. Faulkner, charging that Joseph Louis Barrow during the months of November, December, and January "by subterfuge, contrivance, and design" won the affections of his wife, whose real name is Mattie, and who he said is 26.

Charge $50,000 Gifts

Sat 7-10-48

Rev. Faulkner, who served seven years in the army, charged that the alleged affair was carried on while he was on active duty. The suit claims that Louis gave Mrs. Faulkner, a New York model, gifts worth $35,000, and $15,000 cash.

Interviewed here Saturday, Mrs. Faulkner said she had no inkling of the suit until her lawyers advised her of newspaper stories about it. There is nothing she can do, she said because it is a case between Joe Louis and her husband.

She said the last time she saw her husband was in December, and that the he contributes nothing toward the support of their children, Kenneth, 4, and Oran, 3. She said he cut off her dependents allotment when he returned from overseas duty. Two months ago Rev. Faulkner filed suit for separate maintenance, but later dropped it. There was no reconciliation.

Hints Mental Illness

After declaring that she beleived her husband's war experiences may have affected him. Mrs. Faulkner said. "He ought to be in Bellvue (hospital).' Asked if she meant he might be mentally ill, Mrs. Faulkner said "yes."

The interview took place in her lavishly furnished 4½ room, $60 a month apartment. Swirling the skirts of her floor length red hostess gown, the photographer's model said the expensive furnishings were ordered by her husband, but that he had not completely paid for them.

She then admitted seeing Rev. Faulkner on Palm Sunday when he came to the apartment for his clothing. He returned the following Wednesday, she said, but she did not let him in.

Tells Of Beatings

Earlier newspaper accounts quoted Mrs. Faulkner as saying her husband had beat her several times. She plans court action against him for support of the children.

Mrs. Faulkner, who says she is 23 instead of 26, was born in Thomaston, Ga., the youngest of 10 children. She met Rev. Faulkner in 1941 while she was a student at Ft. Valley College. Four months later they married and came to New York.

They have had three children, but the eldest died. Rev. Faulkner served two tours of overseas duty. **The first was in North Africa, and the second in Europe.**

Joe's Mother Shocked By Fight Announcement

DETROIT — Mrs. Lily Brooks, mother of Joe Louis, was deeply shocked at the news that her son would defend his title again in June. Mrs. Brooks said "the news comes as a shock to me." All I know is Joe said he was through with fighting and I believed him when he made his radio announcement to me after the second Walcott fight in New York on June 25.

'SAY IT AIN'T SO JOE'—Mrs. Carolle Drake Faulkner, whose husband Rev. Matthew Faulkner is suing Joe Louis for $500,000 on a charge of stealing her love, denied any knowledge of the affair in an interview with the Chicago Defender in her New York home, Saturday. She believes her mate was mentally upse: by his war experiences, the comely model, declared. She is pictured here with her two children Oran, 3, left, and Kenneth, 4—ACME photo.

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Just Friends, Champ Insists

The Afro American
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Denies Stealing Love Of Minister's Wife

$500,000 SOUGHT

"Never Dated Joe," N.Y. Model Contends

(Special to the AFRO)

PARIS—"It doesn't mean anything, there's no truth in it," declared Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis when informed here Friday that he was being sued in Chicago for $500,000 by the Rev. Matthew C. Faulkner, a Baptist minister, on a charge of stealing the affections of the latter's wife.

Louis, in Paris after having appeared in several boxing exhibitions in London, is scheduled to sail for the United States on Wednesday, arriving April 12.

Previously Withdrawn

"This is the second time the case has come up," he said. It was withdrawn about two months ago."

Marshall D. Miles, Louis's manager, told newsmen that items had been published in American newspapers about the champion and Mrs. Faulkner, 23, a professional model known as Carolle Drake.

He said that the minister had, some time ago, discussed a divorce with his wife but apparently changed his mind.

"I thought that had all been forgotten," he added. The champion, he explained, met Mrs. Faulkner at a night club where she was a member of another party" and may have seen her a couple of more times at night clubs in December. But I know he didn't see her after December."

Suit Filed in Chicago

The Rev. Mr. Faulkner, 32, who gave an Atlanta address, filed suit Friday in Chicago's Cook County Superior Court. His suit alleges that Louis, during the months of November, December and January, "by subterfuge, contrivance and design" maliciously won the affections of his wife.

The alienation which the suit, filed by Attorney Sol R. Friedman, calls an "illicit affair," took place while the Rev. Mr. Faulkner was serving as an Army chaplain. He was discharged March 17 after seven years of service, including two overseas. His last station was Chanute Field, according to his attorney.

According to the suit, Louis made gifts valued at $35,000 to Mrs. Faulkner, including $15,000 in cash, through his agents and representatives. The bill which describes Mrs. Faulkner as "a beautiful woman," alleges the alienation took place in Chicago and other places unnamed.

"Happy Life" Cited

The Rev. Mr. Faulkner who filed a similar suit in New York City months ago but later withdrew it, charges that because of the champion's acts the complainant has lost not only his wife, but the companionship of their two children, Matthew K., 4 and Oran, 2.

Until Louis intervened, the Faulkners "lived together happily and devotedly, enjoying a mutual warmth of affection for each other," the suit alleges.

Louis, who has been heavyweight champion since he defeated James J. Braddock, in Chicago June 22, 1937, is to return to the United States April 12 and defend his title June 23 in Yankee Stadium in New York, against Jersey Joe Walcott.

The champion was accompanied on his European trip by his wife, the former Marva Trotter, whom he married September 24, 1935. They were divorced March 27, 1945. in Chicago, and remarried the next year. They have a daughter, Jacqueline, 5, and a son, Joe Jr., 1.

The Faulkner children are living with their mother in New York. At his lawyer's office, the Rev. Mr. Faulkner said he wants "to meet Louis, not in the ring but in court."

"Distressed" by Affair

He said rumors of the affair had been given wide spread publicity and that he had asked for a discharge from the Army to "clear up my marital troubles."

"I couldn't wait for Louis to return before I filed the suit because I am too distressed by the affair," he said.

He said that he intends to return to Atlanta and continue serving in the ministry.

Although Louis owned a large amount of real estate in Chicago, Detroit, and elsewhere, a lot of his property was turned over to his wife when she was awarded a decree of divorce from him. Despite their remarriage, Joe's property was not returned to his name, it is reported.

Model Denies Charge

In New York City, in her sumptuously furnished apartment in Riverton House, Fifth Avenue and 135th St., Carolle Drake (Mattie) Faulkner, made angry denial of the charges that Joe had won her affections from her husband.

"Joe and I are just good friends," she said, adding that the Rev. Mr. Faulkner has been "insanely jealous for years." She also accused her mate of cruelty, saying he had beaten her frequently while they were living together. Once she said he had broken down the door to their apartment to take a punch at her.

As for the Rev. Mr. Faulkner's charges that Joe had lured her away from her mate with gifts and money, she said:

"There is not a bit of truth in the charges he makes against me and Joe. As for my appearing in other towns with Joe, it was just a coincidence. I have never had a date with Joe Louis."

Furthermore, she countercharged, the Rev. Mr. Faulkner himself "has always been carrying on with other women. In fact, I've been getting letters from girls he's had affairs with."

Louis' Sparmate Dies In Brooklyn Of Heart Attack

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Chicago, Ill

NEW YORK—Leon Kennedy, one of Joe Louis' sparring partners, died of a heart ailment while doing road work in Prospect Park last week near his home in Brooklyn.

The 25 year old New York University medical student was found by policemen on a bridal path under Three Arc Bridge in the park. He had been training there daily preparatory to joining Louis at Pompton Lakes, N. J., training camp, where the heavyweight champion is getting ready for his coming bout with Joe Walcott on June 23 in Yankee Stadium.

A former Ohio Golden Gloves champion, Kennedy had fought professionally in the welterweight class for several years.

He is survived by his widow Mrs. June Kennedy, a social investigator for the Welfare Department of New York, and a son born only three days before his death.

According To Poll

Journal Guide

Joe Louis Is The "Flop Of The Year"

Sat. 1-24-48
Norfolk, Va.

NEW YORK—According to a nation-wide poll conducted among sports editors affiliated with the Associated Press, Heavyweight Boxing Champion Joe Louis is the "flop of the year," a title awarded to the sports personality turning in the most disappointing performance during the year.

To take the unenviable title, Louis piled up a total of 111 votes with 18 first place votes for his election to the sport's writers "Hall of in-Fame" being cast. Louis is out-polled the Boston Red Sox and St. Louis Cardinals baseball teams.

Louis took the high count in the poll because of his disappointing performance against Jersey Joe Walcott in the fight for the heavyweight championship Dec. 5.

Though sports writers the nation over have picked Louis to score a decisive victory over Walcott when the two are rematched, they were almost unanimous in their voting for the infamous "flop of the year" title.

The Joe Louis Memoirs

New York Times
New York, N.Y.
11-21-48

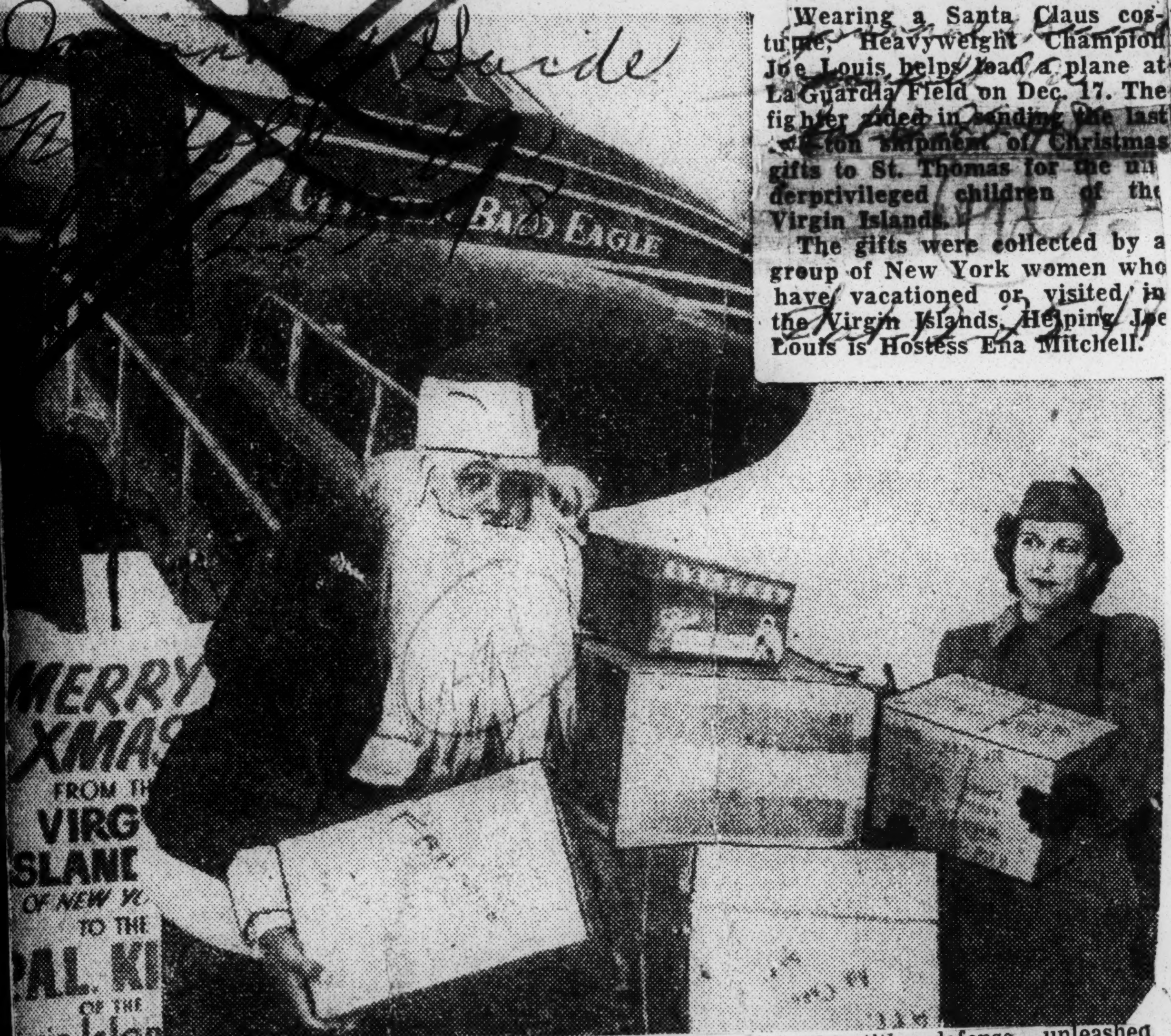
TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES:

A writer in your letters column recently made the appreciative point that the Joe Louis series was a faithful reproduction of the champion's manner of speech. May I add this reaction:

I was deeply pleased by the tone of graciousness the story itself carried. There was among the men surrounding Louis, and of course including him, a wonderful sense of heart-to-heart companionship and serene loyalty. The story breathes beauty of human relationship.

It is, by peculiarly American standards, a success story in the regular and quite literal rags-to-riches tradition. But more—far more—the story of Joe Louis is a story of balance and progress and the deepest kind of spirituality. I think it is a solid contribution to American letters.

Joe Louis Plays Santa Claus For Needy V. I. Children



Wearing a Santa Claus costume, Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis helps load a plane at LaGuardia Field on Dec. 17. The fighter aided in sending the last [illegible]-ton shipment of Christmas gifts to St. Thomas for the underprivileged children of the Virgin Islands.

The gifts were collected by a group of New York women who have vacationed or visited in the Virgin Islands. Helping Joe Louis is Hostess Ena Mitchell.

Louis Right Still Mighty

Afro American

Sat 7-3-48

Turns Dancing, Prancing Walcott Into Helpless Hunk of Humanity

Baltimore, Md.

By SAM LACY
AFRO Sports Editor

NEW YORK (Yankee Stadium)—Had it been the hand of Thor, whose thunderous fury halted all of Manhattan the night before, it could not have done a more effective job of stopping Jersey Joe Walcott than did the right hand of Joe Louis here on Friday evening.

The god of storm, cutting wide, flaming paths across the sky while wielding his mighty hammer on Thursday, by the grace of Providence felled no one. But Louis, making his 25th and final heavyweight title defense, unleashed his private brand of man-made voltage to stun Walcott into insensibility before 42,667 thoroughly awed spectators the following night.

And so it came to pass that the force which nearly ruined the highly-controversial battle, was the same force, though on a smaller scale, that rescued it and brought a measure of satisfaction to the fans who had spent $841,739 to finance it.

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Saved the Match

Where a Heavenly display of lightning and thunder, accompanied by torrential rains, had washed out the show for the second time Thursday, the lightning in the Brown Bomber's fist saved the Friday presentation from being a different kind of washout.

For, up to two minutes and 56 seconds of the eleventh round, Walcott's slap-and-run tactics had made of the affair a decidedly drab outing. Boos had rung around the ears of the contestants as they returned to their corners after no less than six of the ten rounds in which they faced each other.

So dull was the "clash" up to that point that Referee Frank Fullam had twice warned the two boxers to "get in there and fight." Between the seventh and eight rounds, Fullam went first to Walcott's corner, then to Louis's and called for more action. Again, between the tenth and eleventh, the arbiter walked to Jersey Joe's corner and, in no uncertain terms, told him to "fight or else." This time, he started toward the champ's corner after leaving Walcott but turned and went to a neutral corner without saying anything to Joe.

Tried to Punch

It was not until this second warning that Walcott abandoned his much-too-cautious plan of battle. Instead of flicking his left at the height of a self-invented jitterbug step then darting out of range, as he had been doing, Walcott stopped his brazenly persistent retreat and opened a half-hearted exchange of punches with his rival.

When this happened; when Walcott started this, it was Walcott's end.

Having stalked his foe for 15 rounds in their first meeting last December and for 10 rounds in this one, it marked the first time Louis had succeeded in getting him to stand up and fight the way a titleholder and his prospective successor should decide the issue. For Joe, it was the reward of patience.

Joe Was Ready

He wanted to make the best of the opportunity, another might never come. And the same confusion which attended the finish of the last fight might be waiting in the wings to take over again.

Louis flashed over a right and a left buried deep into Walcott's midsection. The impact sent the challenger into the ropes near his corner. Jersey Joe shot his own right, the same which had floored Joe three times before. Only this time it didn't produce the same results.

Joe retaliated with another right hand that ripped through the Jerseyman's guard and landed flush on the jaw. Still another right crashed through to find a mark high on the cheek and Walcott reeled under the force of the blow.

Right to Chin Payoff

The Bomber's left hook caught Jersey Joe on the forehead above the right eye, lifting his head momentarily. Then a right banged home to the chin for the payoff.

Walcott plunked to the floor, face down. He was a thoroughly spent man but he tried hard to get up.

Referee Fullam busied himself hurrying Louis to a neutral corner, then returned to the fallen challenger to take up the count. He caught it as Knockdown Timekeeper Arthur Donovan reached "six," and, bent low over Walcott, screamed into his ear the remaining numerals of the fatal toll.

Jersey Joe lifted himself to his knees as the count reached eight and was staggering to his feet as Fullam counted ten. Finally up, he reeled drunkenly into the ropes at the opposite side of the ring and would have gone down again had not the referee caught him in his arms.

Trainer in Ring

Walcott's trainer, Fanny Florio, leaped into the ring and lip-readers would say his first words were "What happened?" If this were the question, Walcott is said to have answered that later by declaring he neither knew what happened nor what hit him.

His manager, Felix Bocchicchio, came from nowhere to be standing on the ring's edge outside Walcott's corner when Florio and Assistant Trainer Joey Allen brought the beaten challenger back.

Dr. Vincent Nardiello, State Athletic Commission doctor climbed into the ring, to examine Walcott, presumably in deference to his advanced age. Both fighters were listed as being 34, which is regarded as old for championship contestants, and Walcott is generally believed to be near 37.

Shows No Ill Effects

An unusually large number of ring fatalities in the past year has served to make the local boxing commission conscious of the need for close observation of knocked-out fighters.

Walcott showed no ill effects after being revived. He stepped to ring center after Dr. Nardiello's cursory examination and shook the hand of Louis. Later, he walked to his dressing room without aid and talked at length with reporters.

The champion wore a broad smile and a mouse under his left eye. The challenger wore a dejected look and a similar mouse under his left eye. Otherwise there were no outward signs that they had just engaged in a historic battle.

The early rounds were droll and totally lacking in color, action or excitement. In the third, Walcott dropped the Bomber with an overhand right which landed, as the AFRO viewed it, as Louis's right foot skidded from under him. That it was harmless was evidenced by the swiftness with which the champion regained his feet. He took only a count of one.

Hit and Run Tactics

Throughout the rest of the battle it was the same stereotyped process. Walcott would flick a light left, dance to the right or left, or, at times, would turn his back in full if not hasty retreat. On each occasion when he found himself cornered, the challenger would cut loose with a quick right, then close in and rap both arms around his adversary.

Meanwhile, Louis shuffled forward constantly, throwing few punches in an obvious attempt to waste none of his strength in his fruitless pursuit of the elusive challenger.

The two plans of battle were clear to experienced ring observers, but it made very dull entertainment for the $50 pew-holders and others who had spent from $5 to $30 to see a fight.

The result was that these fans were tolerant of the first round, so frequently used by fighters to feel out their opponents. But when the action failed to quicken in the second, there were scattered boos.

Boos Increase

These increased in volume at the conclusion of the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh heats, bringing Referee Fullam to realize that he had to take a hand. It was then that he visited both corners and admonished the fighters to show some action.

In the eighth, there was a brief flurry of punches but the ninth and tenth were repetitions of the earlier rounds. At the end of the latter, Fullam again went to Walcott's corner and, with a new firmness, demanded that he try to make a fight of it. Walcott did try—curtains.

Joe Louis Is Through, Says Jack Dempsey

MACON, Ga. — (ANP) — Joe Louis is finished, according to the belief of Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight champion of the world. The Mannassa Mauler said here that any young fighter who can box and hit could whip the champion.

"It's his legs," Dempsey said. "He can still punch and will knock your head off if you get close to him, but I still say a good puncher as well as boxer can lick the

champion

Joe's Generosity Will Make Him Lose Title

Afro-American
Baltimore Md
Sat 10-23-48

NEW YORK — "Joe Louis will never retire from the ring as the undefeated heavyweight champion of the world. He will lose his title by a decision or knockout," predicts Tim Cohane in the current issue of Look Magazine.

"The reason is elementary," continues Cohane. "Louis is caught in a vicious financial circle and the ring is the only place he can earn the kind of money he needs to live the way he likes.

"Today, he owes Mike Jacobs $260,000 and the U.S. Government $1[illegible]000. He has sold or deeded away his Chicago and Detroit real estate. He never did own the restaurant in Harlem but merely allowed his name to be used for $25,000. Joe talks of annuities that will begin paying off in 1949 but he will not realize more than $50 a week from these, if that much. His stock in Joe Louis Punch, a carbonated grape drink, makes him no money.

Much Too Generous

"Every time Joe fights he owes most of his purse, or more, to Jacobs, who is able in this way to control the champion. He owed the promoter $650,000 before his second fight with Billy Conn in June, 1946, and his purse was only $577,669.

"Generous to a fault, Louis keeps friends, old and new, in pocket money and supports his mother and the rest of his family.

"In 1942 he donated his entire purse of $47,100 from the Buddy Baer fight to Navy Relief. His take of $36,146 from the Abe Simon fight went to Army Relief.

"Expensive hobbies help keep him broke too," says Cohane. "Louis would rather play golf than fight and frequently loses as much as $5,000 on a single match.

"Joe's simplicity, naturalness and utter honesty have made him a paragon of behavior for professional boxers," concludes the article. "His greatness and dignity would still go down in history little altered if he retired undefeated. That is what the fans would remember. Unfortunately, it isn't going to be that way.

"Joe Louis will fight again and he will lose his title."

Sat 12-25-48

Wendell Smith's Sports Beat

The Pittsburgh-Courier
Pittsburgh Pa.

Mr. Glenn Talks of The Champ

CHICAGO, Ill.—Charley Glenn who is better known in these parts as the "Walking Man" because for no less than fourteen years he's been escorting Joe Louis to and from the ring on fight nights, is now a sea farin' man of considerable proportions.

Sat. 9-25-48.

When he isn't selling big Cadillac cars to friends in the community, Mr. Glenn is skimming across the not-so-peaceful waters of Lake Michigan and having quite a time with such friends as Charley Cole and Winston Howard, proprietors of the Pershing Hotel, and his ever-loving wife, Carrie Mae.

It is during such times that Mr. Glenn likes to relax at the pilot's wheel and review the glorious past, which were the days when Joe Louis was bowling 'em over right and left.

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"There was one thing I always liked about the Champ," Mr. Glenn confessed as he sterred his cruiser across Lake Michigan, "he never made me wait around for him. I used to go to the dressing room and wait for him to put on his fighting togs, then pretty soon it would be time for us to go to the ring. He'd always be asleep and we'd have to wake him up. Roxborough or one of his seconds would put his robe on him and we'd head for the ring. Some times we wouldn't be in there but five minutes. Joe would let loose with that dynamite of his and the other guy would be out cold. Why, when he fought Paycheck, I didn't even get a chance to sit down."

On the afternoon of a big fight, Louis always would take a long walk to loosen up. Mr. Glenn was his constant companion on all those journeys, too.

"We'd go for a long walk," he said, "and it was always interesting. We never talked about the fight. Joe would tell me jokes and I'd tell him some. We'd laugh and kid and when we had walked about two miles, we'd go back to the place where he was staying. He'd go to sleep. I never did. Guess I was too nervous and excited. But the Champ never got that way."

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You Could See It In Conn's Eyes

Louis took his usual afternoon walk before the second Walcott fight. That was one of the few times he ever talked about a fight during those walks. "He didn't say much," Mr. Glenn revealed. "I asked him how he felt. He said: 'I feel real good, Charley, real good.' Then I asked him if he expected a lot of trouble from Walcott, the kind of trouble Jersey Joe gave him the first time.

"Joe stopped walking for a moment, looked at me and said: 'I'm not expecting as much trouble this time. I won't have as much trouble 'cause I'm going in there and knock him out.'

Mr. Glenn swerved his cruiser to the left, and continued: "We didn't talk about the fight after that," he said. "I was convinced Joe would knock him out. I figured it'd take him about seven rounds. It went four more than that, but he did knock him kicking, and that's all that matters."

Mr. Glenn has taken that "last mile" walk with Louis for all the Champion's big fights. "I used to look at those guys when we climbed into the ring," he said. "A lot of 'em were scared to death at the sight of Joe Louis. And, they can say all they want to about being brave but when Joe is standing across the ring from you, something goes out of you. They say Billy Conn wasn't afraid the second time, but he was. You could see it in his eyes, especially while they were fighting."

The Cris-Craft cruiser plowed through the water and bounced a bit on the waves. Mr. Glenn was absorbed in the discussion of his favorite subject.

"There's one thing that always amazed me," he said, "and that was Louis' lack of emotion. He was never scared, of course, and yet he never seemed to be concerned. He would always go to sleep in the dressing room, and you'd have to shake the daylights out of him to wake him up. The night he fought Conn the second time, he got dressed and went sound to sleep."

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Mr. Glenn Always Has A Good Seat

"There is always a lot of tension in the dressing room before the time comes to go into the ring. Everyone's on edge. The seconds are fixing the bandages for his hands and someone else is making sure the water bottle's in the bucket and Manny Seamon, his trainer, is buzzing all over the place making sure that there aren't any slip-ups," Mr. Glenn said.

"But this guy Louis isn't hardly concerned about what's going on. If he isn't sleeping, he's reading comic magazines. He has ice water in his veins, nothing but ice water."

The boat was nearing shore now and Mr. Glenn—who comes from the New Orleans' Glenns—smiled when he said: "When the time comes for Joe to go out and start for the ring, he says just two words. Those two words are: 'Let's go!' Then we all get around him like bodyguards and head for the ring."

Mr. Glenn always has a good seat. He sits down at the bottom of the steps leading to the ring. He has a little stool and as soon as the fight's over he runs up the steps with Louis' robe and drapes it across his shoulders.

"That isn't a bad job, either," he pointed out. "You get in there as soon as the fight ends and you see yourself in the newsreels and papers the next day. I guess I've been in almost as many movies as the Champ. Only difference is that he gets a lot of dough from the pictures. I don't get anything. But it's been a lot of fun, anyway."

Until last week, Mr. Glenn had retired from the ring. Louis said he was through and consequently Mr. Glenn vowed he'd never take a walk with another fighter. But the Champ has decided to go at it one more time. That's to be next June. So Mr. Glenn has one more evening to strut with Louis and get his picture in the movies.

"I'm walkin' with him until he quits," Mr. Glenn assured us as he docked the boat. "If he fights 'til he's eighty, I'll be right there with him. I'm his good luck piece."

Then Mr. Glenn tied up his boat and went off to sell another Cadillac!

Joe Louis Has A New Car - 1948 Cadillac

Ohio State News

Sat 1-24-48

Columbus Ohio

NEW YORK. — Joe Louis has a new car. It's a 1948 four-door Cadillac—the kind with two rooms, kitchen and bath. Joe's man, Freddy, had it waiting for him outside the Theresa Hotel when he arrived from Europe last Monday.

But last Tuesday after having tea with Joe Walcott at the Essex House Louis walked out into the rain and joined the crowd in a rush for the "A" train. One of his buddies stopped him and reminded him that Freddy would be along with the house on wheels.

If you like details, Joe's license tags read: New York 9Y-45-98.

Sues Look Magazine in Chicago

Detroit Free Press

Detroit, Mich.

'Finance' Story Labeled Untruth

Wed. 1-5-49

BY LYALL SMITH
Free Press Sports Editor

Boxing Champion Joe Louis brought a $500,000 libel suit against Look Magazine Tuesday for an article dealing with his finances.

Louis is in Detroit. The suit was filed in Chicago's Superior Court by his attorney, Truman Gibson, Jr. The article involved was written by Look's sports editor, Tim Cohane, and published in the Jan. 4 issue.

Detroit Free Press

IT SAID THAT Louis owed Boxing Promoter Mike Jacobs $650,000 before his second fight with Billy Conn in 1946 and that he owes Jacobs $260,000 today. It also said flatly that: "Joe is always broke . . . (and) still owes the government $175,000 in back income taxes . . ."

"These statements are absolutely untrue," Louis told the Free Press. "I do not owe Mike Jacobs one cent. Neither do I owe the government on back income taxes."

Louis, through his co-manager John Roxborough of Detroit, declared that he had paid off some debts he owed Jacobs with proceeds from the movies of the fight with Jersey Joe Walcott last summer.

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HE ALSO SAID that through T. A. Jones, treasurer of Joe Louis Enterprises, Inc., he was making regular payments on his current income tax.

"In many years as a boxer I never have objected to criticism of my actions in the ring or out of it by any writer," Louis said. "Actually, I don't enjoy criticism. Who does? But I know I must expect it as a public figure. But each and every statement in this article is an unqualified falsehood."

In his libel suit, Louis pointed out that the article was written by Cohane although neither Louis himself nor any of his financial assistants had been interviewed by a representative of the national magazine.

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"I DIDN'T want to bring suit," Louis admitted. "I don't want people to think that I'm taking the position that I must not be criticized.

"But I couldn't stand by and permit these untruths to be written. They can hurt me and the businesses which I'm connected with now and plan to be in the future."

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LOUIS INTIMATED that he might be willing to drop the suit if the magazine retracts the statement and publicly apologizes.

"The money doesn't mean that much to me," Joe said.

The suit asked for a jury trial and named as defendants: Cowles Magazines, Inc., publisher of Look, and Walter Smith, midwestern circulation manager with offices in Chicago.

Jerry Lynch Star Called into Army

Gordon Gilbert, 25-year-old forward for the Jerry Lynch team in the International Hockey League, has been drafted into the Army. A Toledo resident, he is one of the few United States citizens in the league. He will report for induction Wednesday.

This Morning

The Past

—With Shirley Povich

THE GLOVES JOE LOUIS said he was hanging up last June 25 when he stepped to the microphone in Yankee Stadium and announced "This is for my mother—I've fought my last fight," are coming off the hook. There's too much gold in them thar mittens.

POVICH

Louis' announcement that he'll fight somebody for the title next June in a Mike Jacobs' promotion isn't quite flabbergasting. The Louis-Jacobs relationship has always been a close one, dating from 1935 when Jacobs dumfounded Louis and his managers, John Roxborough and Julian Black, by offering to give a Negro a shot at the world's heavyweight title.

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Louis was campaigning around Detroit and Chicago in those days and compiling a string of knockouts but like every Negro fighter was apparently the victim of the color-line barrier to a heavyweight title fight. Not since Jack Johnson lost to Jess Willard at Havana in 1915, had a Negro fought for the title. Jacobs flew into Detroit to watch Louis fight and was smitten with him.

Wash D.C.

He told Louis and his managers there would be a title shot if Joe kept winning. "Finish every fight as fast as you can, if you can," Jacobs said. Just because Louis was a colored heavyweight he wasn't expected to wear any handcuffs or "carry" white opponents,

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IT WAS THE FIRST time since Johnson that a colored fighter was getting the green light from a promoter of heavyweight championships and the first reaction of Louis and his managers was an incredulous "Who, us?" But Louis made good and then Jacobs made good, bringing him into New York to fight and stop Primo Carnero and a year later setting up the Jimmy Braddock bout that gave Louis the title.

Louis fought all of his 25 title defenses for Jacobs. Even the bum-of-the-month tour when Louis was putting his title on the line was under Jacobs' auspices. If he didn't promote those fights directly, it was in partnership with the local promoters. Both Louis and Jacobs made millions out of their partnership, but when Louis announced his retirement last June, Jacobs' monopoly on the heavyweight title was threatened.

Louis' comeback is saving the situation for Jacobs, who lost control of the middleweight title to Jersey's Tournament of Champions promoters. Louis is doing Jacobs a distinct favor by fighting at least one more bout for Mike, who now is in a position to tie up the challenger, whoever he may be, to fight under Jacobs' auspices as a consideration for getting the title shot.

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AT THAT, THE decision to return to the ring wasn't hard for Louis. It was easier than turning his back on a title which is negotiable for at least another million dollars. He can make more money in one night fighting a second-rate challenger than he can take from a six-month tour refereeing or fighting exhibitions, and his comeback means even more to Jacobs.

It was well-timed to aid the Jacobs' interests. Mike is promoting the Joe Baksi-Ezzard Charles fight in the Garden on December 10, and Louis' announcement that he will fight the winner, "if the winner looks good," lends stature to the December 10 contest. Instead of being just another heavyweight fight, it becomes a pre-title affair with Louis' indorsement to stimulate the gate.

And Louis couldn't have picked a better time to announce his comeback. At 35, he isn't the same old Louis, and he was on the floor three times against Jersey Joe Walcott in his last two title defenses, but he's returning to the ring at a time when he isn't jeopardizing his title to any great extent. The likes of Baksi, Charles and Joe Savold he can still take in stride.

IF THERE WAS an impressive young heavyweight around to do battle with Louis, his friends would greet his comeback decision with "Say it ain't so, Joe." The 35-year-old Louis is no longer a destroyer. He's too big, too slow-moving and too easy a target who relies wholly now on the bombing power of his two fists.

He had too much trouble beating Walcott to expose his title to a good young heavyweight, and he wouldn't be more than 2-to-1 shot to beat Walcott again. But Baksi, like Louis, is slow and never was a top fighter, and Charles now must be labeled as distinctly overrated following his dismal showing in Washington against Jimmy Bivins.

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On the day Louis does retire undefeated, though, he won't be bereft of a source of income. He can make the same arrangement with Jacobs that Jimmy Braddock made as a consideration to giving Louis the title shot. Braddock for years cut in for 15 per cent of Louis' purses as champion. Louis is wise about these things, too, and they can't have his title just for the taking.

Through The Years

By Fay Young

The Defender

ALTHOUGH Joe Louis will not defend his world heavyweight title until June, fight fans all over the country are buzzing. They are trying to figure out whether Jersey Joe Walcott can whip the Brown Bomber.

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Of course, your guess may be right. As to ourself, we believe Jersey Joe missed the boat in that fourth round when Louis was on the seat of his pants on Friday night, Dec. 5.

Chicago Ill.

The championship birdies were singing to Jersey Joe but the challenger didn't have the guts to "follow up".

That First Schmeling Fight

THERE ARE THOSE of us who still remember the first Louis versus Max Schmeling fight. Back on June, 19, 1936, Louis was knocked out in 2 minutes and 29 seconds of the 12th round.

The worst part of it was that Joe entered the ring that night a heavy favorite despite the fact that Schmeling had been world champion, having defeated Jack Sharkey on a foul in the fourth round on July 12, 1930.

Gene Tunney had retired in 1928. Max went on to beat Young Stribling of Atlanta in Cleveland and then lost the title to Sharkey in a rematch which lasted 15 rounds.

When Schmeling met Louis the first time there wasn't any title at stake although fans keep calling us asking if the June 1936 go was a title affair or if Louis was champion at the time.

James Braddock, whom Louis defeated in Chicago's Comiskey Park in 1937 for the world's heavyweight championship, was the champion having outpointed Maxie Baer, the playboy on June 13, 1935.

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Betting up to a few days before the first Louis vs Schmeling battle was 1 to 10 on Louis.

After Louis had won the title, he gave Max a return match.

Second Fight Was Different

Louis hit Schmeling 41 times. Exactly 31 of these were devasting blows. Fourteen of them landed on Schmeling's jaw.

The Brown Bomber put the German on the canvas four times in the 2 minutes and 4 seconds of fighting of which Louis seemed to be doing all of it because Max got in only one good blow--a short right to the face.

Schmeling went to the hospital suffering from what he called a kidney punch but the real blow that ended the Nazi's hope of taking the championship back to Germany was a right to the chin.

Walcott May Not Be Next Champion

A crowd of 80,000 paid $900,000 to see LESS than one round of fighting. Professional boxing rounds are of 3 minutes duration. The first fight drew 39,878 fans who paid $547,531.

The rematch with Walcott in June may bring the Twentieth Century Club a gross gate of a million dollars.

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And it might not last anywhere near the 15-rounds scheduled.

Louis was decidedly not the Louis of old in the Dec. 5, 1947 scrap in Madison Square Garden. It may be true as his trainer, Manny Seaman said, that Louis had a "bad night".

We haven't the slightest idea that Joe has gone so far back that Walcott can take the championship. We have great respect for Jersey Joe but his age is against him.

More too, we have seen Louis against those who made a great impression in their first set-to with the Brown Bomber.

However, if Louis can win in June we sure do hope that he hangs up his gloves before some fighter spills him for both the count and the championship.

Louis has been a credit to the boxing game and a credit to his race. Let's hope he will not make the fatal mistake of "carrying the pitcher" to the well once TOO often.

May Face Baski Or Charles -- If Fight Is Good

The Defender
Sat 9-25-48
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Says Friendship Only Reason For Defending Crown

WASHINGTON — More than half a dozen sports writers who talked to Joe Louis after he boxed a few rounds Saturday preparing for the exhibition against Pat Comiskey, came away saying:

1. He will fight the winner of the Ezzard Charles-Joe Baski fight next June.
2. He is still undecided on another title defense.

Mike Jacobs said Friday afternoon in New York, after talking to Joe, that Louis will fight. Truman K. Gibson Jr., Joe's lawyer, said in Chicago Sunday, "He did not discuss defending his title when we talked in New York Thursday."

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Clamps Lid Down

Marshall Miles, his manager, clamped a tight lid on what comes from the champ's lips here Sunday. He intimated that the man who defended his title 25 times under the aegis of Mike Jacobs, had talked too much already.

One of the "He will fight boys" quoted the champ on why he decided to fight again after telling the world he was quitting for his mother.

"It's hard to answer, and I want to give a good answer," said Louis. "As much as anything, I think you can say friendship had a good deal to do with it. I've always gotten along with 20th Century (Mike Jacobs' promoting outfit). They asked me for one more fight, so I'm going to give it to them."

'Still Undecided'

One of the "He hasn't decided yet" crew quoted Louis as saying, "I still haven't made up my mind."

The key to the puzzle may lie in a few unguarded words. Joe said if he never fights again, he will get along. "Oh I admit I won't be able to live as high again, but I can be comfortable," he declared. Then the champ added with a chuckle, "If I don't fight, I guess a lot of other people won't be able to live as high either."

Anyone's guess is good as to who he meant.

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Shoe Fits Many

It takes more than two hands to count the characters whose prosperity stems directly from Joe. Most of them have made something less than monumental contributions to his success as a fighter.

Then on one finger of the other hand, there is Mike Jacobs, who "gave Joe his chance." Uncle Mike was impressed when he saw Joe belt Natie Brown around in Detroit, away back when. He took Louis to New York and put him on big time with the Primo Carnera bout for the Hearst Milk Fund, in 1935.

Uncle Mike put himself on big time at the same moment, and the 20th Century Sporting Club became the giant of the fistic world.

Jacobs Hard Pressed

But today, Uncle Mike is ailing. In fact he is a semi-invalid. Sol Strauss, who admitted he "is a good talker" Saturday, watches over things for him. The two are close to seeing the fight game slip into the hands of the Tournament of Champions, who already control the middleweight champ and the ex-light heavyweight champ.

What can a big hearted guy who is known to set people on their feet just because they played on the same lots as kids do when someone who helped him to the top is on the spot? Guess.

With the heavyweight title safe in his hands, Uncle Mike can lure all the eager big boys and light heavies into his fold. But to control the title, he must get the man who holds it to agree to fight for him alone. He can't leave it up for grabs or a guy with the wrong idea might get it.

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What About Promise?

With the problem of loyalty to friends solved, there is another matter of loyalty to Mrs. Lillie Brooks, and to the fans. After all, more people than ever heard Franklin Roosevelt at one time, heard Mrs. Brooks' son declare June 24:

"This is for my mother. This is my last fight..."

But the door for pleasing Mom is still not closed. The statement Uncle Mike released Friday quoted Joe as saying he would fight the winner of the Charles-Baski go—If it is a good fight, and — If the winner shows up well.

Sol Strauss, says Joe the Kind-hearted, assures him it will be a good fight. Big-hearted Joe, who has never been known to let a friend down, also admits that friend Strauss is a good talker.

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The roof of the average American house in an average year will receive about 15,000 gallons—or 60 tons—of rain and snow all together.

Should Joe Louis Fight Again?

Let The Fans Decide!

Send your letter to the Chicago Defender, Joe Louis Editor. This contest will run four weeks beginning with this issue. Each week, the five best letters will receive a prize of $5.00 each. Each letter should not exceed 75 words and must be typewritten or written legibly on one side of the paper. All letters that are sent, will be bound in a Master Book and sent to Joe Louis from his fans.

SHOULD JOE LOUIS FIGHT AGAIN??
LET THE FANS DECIDE!!
WRITE THE CHICAGO DEFENDER TODAY!!!

Carolle's Sister Will Not Testify

Pittsburgh Courier

NEW YORK (ANP) — Reports that she will testify against Joe Louis in favor of the Rev. Matthew Faulkner in his $500,000 suit against the champion were denied this week by Mrs. "Blossom" Nicholas of Chicago. Mrs. Nicholas, sister of Mrs. Carolle Drake Faulkner, made her denial through her sister.

She said she knew nothing about the case until she heard of it over the radio while visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wilson (her brother-in-law and sister) in Atlanta. The Rev. Mr. Faulkner came to Atlanta the next day, she said, then went to his home in Fort Worth, Tex.

JOE LOUIS TO DEMAND BIGGER FEE FOR VIDEO

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 13 (AP)—Joe Louis said today he will demand $250,000 from television and radio rights when he defends his heavyweight title next June in New York.

New York Times
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New York, N.Y.

"I sold myself too cheap in my last fight with Jersey Joe Walcott," the champion told a reporter. "My end from the television and radio was $40,000. But it's going to be a lot more the next time."

Louis is in Philadelphia for a six-round exhibition bout tomorrow night at Convention Hall with Arturo Godoy of Chile.

The television-radio fee for the Louis-Walcott bout last June 25 was $100,000. The Brown Bomber received $40,000, or 40 per cent; Walcott 22½ per cent.

Louis said today Ezzard Charles is the top contender for a crack at the heavyweight crown.

"Of course," said Joe, "Charles could make his position stronger if he beats Lee Savold or Billy Conn this winter.

"I can only talk from his record. I never saw him fight. I didn't think he was a heavyweight contender until the Baksi fight. But he proved in that fight that he is."

Tomorrow's Convention Hall exhibition is expected to draw one of the best gates of Louis' current tour, which has already grossed $280,000 in fifteen cities. The top gate was $47,000 for his meeting with Jimmy Bivins in Cleveland.

Letters Depict Minister Suing Joe Louis As Passionate Lover

NEW YORK—The Rev. Matthew C. Faulkner, an Atlanta Baptist minister, was portrayed not as a spiritual adviser but as a passionate lover in letters from other women made public last Saturday by his wife, Carrolle Drake (Mattie) Faulkner, a model, whose love he accuses Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis of stealing in a $500,000 damage suit.

One of the letters, addressed to "Dearest Adam," signed "Eve" and written on blue stationery, read as follows:

"I think I am just about the happiest person in town today. YOU CALLED.

"Honestly darling, I think of you constantly, and I did write. But Lill heard from Soggs and he said that your wife was visiting you. And I wasn't sure that I should mail the letter. However, I am sending it along to prove, that you were always in my heart.'

"Never doubt your 'Eve,' darling. She loves you. There is very little reality in my happiness—but thousands of lovely memories of the past; our past. And thousands of beautiful dreams, too, of the future: our future. You, Adam, are the inspiration of these dreams; without you, there would be no dreams.

"My only regret is that I, who love you so much, cannot, forever, be by your side to share all that you share. Oh, Adam, love is so beautiful! Can we forever keep it so? And yet love can hurt terribly. Is it not bewildering to you that so beautiful a thing as love can hurt so terribly.

"This separation dearest, hurts, oh, so terribly. My spirit rebelled before, now and always that we are not free to love and live.

"Wherever you are, whatever you do, keep with you the thought that my love shall forever be in your keeping.

" I love you so, darling!
Forever thine,
Eve."

The letter was postmarked July 5, 1942—three days after Mrs. Faulkner gave birth to her first child, who later died.

A second letter from "Eve" read as follows:

"Then you really think that some day we will be together? I do hope with you—most sincerely! I hope, too, that you tell me this straight from your heart. That you will never lie to me or deceive me. That should never be necessary again. We understand each other perfectly, now. Now I have faith in you—enough faith to know that though we are apart now, we shall forever be as one."

Mrs. Faulkner remarked, "I sure wish I could have caught th[illegible] gether" in their Garden of E[illegible]

A third letter, from another w[illegible] man, written on pink stationery indicated that the minister w[illegible] fast worker.

"I hope you won't misunderstand what I am about to say," it read. "It's about our phone conversation. I'm not trying to illusion you to the fact that I haven't been kissed (to be sure) or that I wouldn't perhaps, like to be kissed by you, but it has always left me dubious of one who asks on such short notice.

"And I'm not old-fashioned. It makes me feel it isn't really me you're interested in. Please forgive me for putting you on a pedestal. I thought you were different. That [illegible] too much to expect in this day and age."

This letter was signed "Billie." The writer indicated that she held no ill-will against the minister. She closed with "Forgivingly yours" and added a postscript saying she was still waiting for him to give her his photograph.

Mrs. Faulkner declared that the girls who wrote these letters weren't the only women in his life. "There were many others," she said.

Sweden Pays Joe With Ice Skates

Afro American

LONDON — Joe Louis, heavyweight champion, will be paid off with 2,000 pairs of ice skates for two exhibition appearances in Sweden, Apr. 2 and 4, Irwin Rosee, his pulicity agent, said Friday.

Louis already has arranged to sell the skates — worth $9,000 — to a Cambrige, Mass., shoe manufacturing firm, thus overcoming Sweden's ban on the export of currency.

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Joe will have to pay a 15 per cent import duty to bring the skates into the United States, but the shoe firm already has announced that all of the skates have been sold as souvenirs.

Baltimore, Md.

The champion also will box a three-round exhibition in Brussels, Belgium, Mar. 31, but will be remunerated in Belgian currency.

Joe Louis Plans to Return Apr. 7

Afro American

PARIS — Joe Louis, world's heavyweight champion, arrived in Paris quietly Sunday and said that he would merely rest until Tuesday when he leaves for Brussels for "two or three days" to fight exhibitions.

Joe plans to return to Paris after the boxing exhibitions, and will leave France, Apr. 7, for the return trip to New York. He will embark on the Queen Elizabeth at Cherbourg, France.

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"We'll spend two days in New York, and then go to training camp at Pompton Lakes," declared Manager Marshall Miles. "Then we will really go to work on Walcott," Marshall added.

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Ready for Walcott

He had reference to the June 23 championship bout with Jersey Joe Walcott, who stayed 15 rounds with the champion last December.

Louis left London Saturday after completing boxing exhibitions in a sports exhibition which had run for five weeks. Joe weighed 225 pounds when he went to London, but Trainer Manny Seamon said that he tipped the scales about the same when they departed, despite the three-a-day workouts.

Louis developed a fondness for the English custom of tea and crumpets in midafternoon, and it is believed that the extra meal kept his weight up.

Joe Gets $80,000

London newspapers say the Health and Holiday Exhibition, at which Louis was featured, was a financial flop. The exhibit reportedly lost $240,000, but Louis received his $80,000 guarantee.

Joe, accompanied by his wife, Marva, saw plenty of London's sights while in the English capital. They twice went to the House of Commons, were frequent theatregoers, and Joe also twice attended boxing matches.

The one thing Louis failed to do that he had planned during his London stay was to meet George Bernard Shaw. Joe said that he hopes to meet the playwriter when he returns for the Olympic Games in the summer.

Marva Going to Europe With Joe

The Courier Pittsburgh, Pa.

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'Our First Honeymoon,' Mrs. Louis Tells Courier . . . Spikes N. Y. Rumors

Sat 1-17-48

(From Courier Chicago Bureau)

CHICAGO—"We're going to Europe together!"

That was the answer of Marva and Joe Louis to the wave of rumors which has been sweeping the country recently . . . stories which have linked the champion's name with a Brandford model and his wife's name with an Atlantic City policeman.

The statement was given out Monday morning, as the couple revealed their plans, following a long week-end together here and in Detroit.

"It will be our first honeymoon," Marva told The Courier.

The Louis party will sail from New York, Feb. 19, and will be gone for two months. On his return, the champion will go into training for the June fight in New York.

Meanwhile, in New York, unconfirmed rumors hinted that Chaplain Matthew Faulkner is contemplating dropping his suit against his wife, Carrole, in which Joe and two other men had been named.

Answering a rumor carried in the Atlantic City Press, which hinted that Detective Tom Brown of Atlantic City was the new "man of the hour" with Marva and that she was planning to marry him after she received her second divorce from Joe, Mrs. Louis emphatically declared:

"That story is absolutely untrue!"

Good Skate; Louis Gets 2.600 Pair

The Defender

LONDON — The Swedes have a word for Joe Louis — "Good Skate." The champion has agreed to put on two exhibition bouts there April 2 and 4, and will receive 2,600 pairs of ice skates for pay.

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This will avoid the Swedish ban on exporting currency, and Louis has made arrangements to sell the skates to a Cambridge, Mass. firm for $9,000. He will have to pay 15 per cent import duty.

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Joe was paid cash for an exhibition in Belgium, March 31.

Louis Says London Boxing Tour Keeping Him in Shape

Afro American

Sat 3-27-48

LONDON (ANP))— Joe Louis, world's heayweight champion, currently on an European exhibition tour, is confident that he will be in tip-top shape to make his last defense of the title June 23 against Jersey Joe Walcott. His belief is based on the daily shows he is giving at Earl's Court, during the month-long Health and Holidays exhibition.

Baltimore, Md.

"The trip is sorta keeping things going," he said. "I don't know, but I guess I hope to go out next June just like I am now."

Convinced he will make a better showing than he did last December, he said the top three contenders for his post after retirement will be Walcott, Gus Lesnevich and Joe Baksi, in the order named.

The month's exhibition is paying Louis $80,000, and he's getting a daily workout with it. However, setting up a training headquarters costs the champ about $40,000 a month.

$500 Monthly Rent

Louis, his wife, Marva and six members of the party, were originally quartered in a swank Park Lane apartment for a rent of $1,056 a month. Louis decided the place was too expensive and too cold—being heated only by open fireplaces. They moved to a plush West-end rented house, which costs them $500 a month. It is a three-story affair with four bedrooms, a lounge, two baths, a morning room and servants' quarters.

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Rumors that the Louis party has been indulging in extravagance in dollar-conscious Britian were denied by the managers. Joe did not bring along a big automobile that burns scarce gasoline, as was charged. He rides around in taxis and hired cars. Each member of his entourage brought along on the allowable 25 pounds of food.

Joe Louis In Paris Is $80,000 Richer

The Ohio State News

PARIS.—(By Wire).—Joe Louis arrived here last Sunday from London. The world's heavyweight champion was some $80,000 richer, cash picked up for his exhibitions in the Health and Holidays Exhibition in the English capitol.

Despite his three-a-day workouts during the one month exhibition run, Louis still carries the 225 pounds he checked in with when he arrived in London. Trainer Manny Seamon believes that tea and crumpets afternoon meal custom of the English, kept Joe's weight up.

Columbus, Ohio

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The Louis party will go to Brussels on Tuesday where he's scheduled for three exhibition dates and then return to Paris. They'll sail for the U. S. from Cherbourg, France, on April 7.

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LEAVING ON EUROPEAN EXHIBITION TOUR

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Joe Louis and his wife on board the Queen Mary yesterday

The New York Times

Louis, Off for England, Reiterates, Threat to Walcott on Title Bout

Times

Bomber Warns Jersey Joe to Accept Terms Within 2 Weeks or Lose Fight in June —Champion Eyes Career in Politics

New York, N.Y.

By JOSEPH C. NICHOLS

Joe Louis held out the bold threat yesterday that he would sidetrack a match with Jersey Joe Walcott in June unless the latter quickly made up his mind to accept the conditions offered him by the Twentieth Century Sporting Club, which plans to promote the fight. Fri 2-20-48

In a conference on the Cunard liner Queen Mary just before sailing for England, the heavyweight champion of the world repeated his assertion of the night before that he would gixe Walcott two weeks to make up his mind, else he would ignore the Camden (N. J.) challenger and consider light heavxyweight title-holder Gus Lesnevich as his next opponent.

Louis is already committed to risk his crown for the Twentieth Century in June and Walcott has been considered the likely opponent since Dec. 4, when the New Jersey veteran lost a split decision to the Brown Bomber in a 15-round fight at Madison Square Garden. Walcott and his board of strategy have been willing to accept a return bout, but have indicated dissatisfaction with some of the terms offered them.

Same Old Squabble

One obstacle is Walcott's demand of 30 per cent of the gate receipts as against 22½ per cent offered by the Twentieth Century. Another is the insistence of the Louis camp that Walcott accept a contract assuring the Brown Bomber the first crack at the title in the event that he loses to the Jersey battler, with each fighter to receive 30 per cent of the net.

Walcott's reply to the latter demand has been that such a set-up would require him to fight Louis three times before he could realize a champion's cut of the percentages. The retort of Marshall Miles, Louis' manager, was: "Louis always has had that clause in his contracts for title matches. There will be no fight with Walcott unless he agrees to those terms."

Louis himself declared that the return bout clause was just a matter of protection, that he was definitely planning to retire after his next bout. Referring to a bout against Lesnevich, the titleholder ventured the opinion that it would draw a million dollars if Lesnevich should knock out Billy Fox, whom he is scheduled to fight at the Garden on March 5.

Interested in Politics

Commenting on plans for his post-ring days Louis let fall the information that he was interested in politics as a career. The Brown Bomber did not say whether he would run for office, but explained that he had a deep interest in politics. Fri 2-20-48

Louis will make a number of exhibition appearances in England, for which he will receive $80,000. Accompanying him on the trip are his wife Marva; Miles, trainer Manny Seamon, secretary Leonard Reed and two friends, Nelson Sykes and Eddie Greene. The party took along an ample food stock, which included 300 steaks.

Louis will return on April 12, and will go into training at West Baden, Ind., for his June battle.

Joe Louis, planning to retire from the ring after one more fight next June, was giving some thought to a new job. Off for an exhibition tour of England, with wife Marva, Joe mused to shipboard reporters: "Some kind of politics . . . but I don't know what kind." He hadn't decided when, but "everybody eventually goes into politics." Time 5-24-48 Mon Chicago, Ill.

ALMOST FANATACISM

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Louis Returns To US Determined To Get Revenge From Jersey Joe

The Record Columbia, S.C.

Tues. 4-13-48

By OSCAR FRALEY

NEW YORK, April 13.—(UP)—His famed dead pan split by a wide grin, Joe Louis was in high spirits as he stood on the chilly afterdeck of the mighty Queen Elizabeth while she shouldered her way up the Hudson past the Statute of Liberty.

Back home again after eight weeks abroad in which he gave exhibitions in London and made a trip to Paris, the champ even was undisturbed by a $500,000 alienation of affections suit filed against him in Chicago.

"Pure nonsense," he grinned. "My lawyers will take care of that."

But then somebody mentioned Jersey Joe Walcott.

And the smiles disappeared.

"I think I'll catch him this time," Joe grunted, tugging viciously at his jaunty green hat. "I won't name the round, yet, but I'll get him.

"I don't think it will be a hard fight, either," he growled. "The last time I was in shape but I wasn't in top condition. I was dead in the dressing room before the fight. I won't be this time."

You could see that his split decision victory last Dec. 5 had made a deep wound in the Louis pride. So much so that there is a possibility, despite his reiteration that he'll retire after this one, that he may fight again.

"I said before I'd retire after this one," Louis explained. "But they told me in London that doesn't mean anything." The

Revenge is uppermost in the Brown Bomber's mind. Knocking out Walcott, and quickly, amounts almost to fanatacism. The mention of the only man who ever made him look bad had ruined his home coming. Record

So there were fewer and more feeble smiles as he plotted his itinerary., which includes signing for the fight Wednesday; doing preliminary training at a friend's farm near Kalamazoo, Mich., and finishing up at Pompton Lakes for the June 23 return bout.

"I'm not thinking of anything else until after that," he said slowly as he trudged down the promenade deck and watched the slowly-passing New York skyline.

Somebody mentioned that he looked thinner than when he left and Joe, looking back at the gulls trailing in the ship's wake, replied: "You can't fight 94 exhibition rounds and not be in better shape."

But the Bomber still showed a trace of jowls and the wind outlined heavy, bulging thighs. The tipoff that Louis is fighting a losing battle against weight came when he said he scaled 211 for the last bought with Walcott and expected to go 214 or 211 this time.

"I haven't weighed since I left," he said. "I stay away from those scales." 4-13-48

Looking back on his trip, Louis said that the English "don't have any good heavyweights and my sparring partners were awful." He recalled seeing Tommy Farr, against whom he made his first title defense. Chicago, Ill.

"Farr looks good, but he still claims he got a bum decision," Louis said, the grin returning.

But the smile didn't last long. Somebody mentioned Walcott again.

Marva Gets French Maid Spends 20G's

The Afro-American Sat 4-17-48

NEW YORK — Joe Louis, accompanied by Marva and other members of his party, arrived here Monday aboard HMS Queen Elizabeth from Cherbourg, France. The heavyweight champion had appeared in a series of exhibition matches in England, Norway and Denmark. Baltimore, Md.

Marva, during a ten-day shopping tour in the French capital, acquired more than $20,000 worth of new parisian creations and a new French maid.

The champ, looking very trim, gave evidence that he had been doing considerable road work abroad in preparation for his June return match with Jersey Joe Walcott.

After a two-day rest here, Joe will entrain for an undisclosed New Jersey camp, where he will begin an intensive training program for his final appearance in the ring.

All Knockouts Heavyweight boxing champion Joe Louis gathers an armful of beauty at the Salon de Ponthieu, in Claridge Hotel, Paris. The girls are candidates for the title of Miss Paris of 1948. Joe is a candidate to retain his title when he meets Jersey Joe Walcott in June. Sun. 4-11-48

Associated Press Photo

Royal Welcome Accorded Joe, Marva by London

By RUDOLPH DUNBAR

LONDON—A welcome comparable to that given royalty was accorded Joe Louis on Feb. 25, as he stepped off the boat train with his wife Marva on to the platform of the Waterloo Station here.

He was silent and shy and his face puckered nervously, but he obediently raised his grey felt to the enthusiastic crowd. Hemmed in at every step, he made a slow but dogged progress to a waiting limousine as scores of cameras clicked and hands were waved.

"Gentleman Joe" to London

Joe Louis's exhibition in London will write an entirely new and memorable chapter in the sporting history of the United Kingdom. He will bring also into focus the glorious reminiscences of great colored boxers.

Joe's dazzling matchless cavalcade of successes and clean sportsmanship, which have won the unqualified admiration of English people, have always enshrined his name in England. He has been frequently referred to in the press as "gentleman Joe."

Long before he arrived in England, there were frequent tributes paid to him in the press — and highly flattering stories told about his entourage in transit on the Queen Mary.

Conscious of Country's Plight

The society column in a prominent London evening newspaper stated that he was bringing his "shiny black Cadillac limousine, America's most expensive car, and worth in London about $25,000."

However, during a radio-telephone talk while aboard the Queen Mary, he denied that he was bringing his seven-miles-a-gallon car to London.

Joe explained: "The last thing I want to do is to use up precious petrol in Britain. I am, too, bringing my food so that I won't have to dip into the British people's rations."

Another society column gossip concerned the two luxurious apartments in the swanky district of London that are said to have been reserved for Joe and his retinue. The Evening Standard wrote: 'Why isn't Joe staying at a hotel? No question of colour bar is involved here."

All the evening newspapers' front pages were decorated with large sized photographs of Joe, with Marva at his side sharing the blinding glare of publicity.

Marva is expected to garner public interest in her own rights. The press already has begun to pay homage to her sparkling femininity.

One evening paper referred to her as "vivacious Marva" and noted that she speaks with none of the Southern drawl of her husband.

Marva told the press that she and Joe have had their marital ups and downs, but added that now things are running smoothly.

Said she, "The trouble was that Joe was so busy we never got a chance of becoming acquainted. This is our first trip together and you can call it our honeymoon."

Greeted by "Frisco"

At Southampton to meet Joe and his party was Frisco, a club proprietor in London who is known to practically all of the American service men who visited London during the war. Frisco, one of the most outstanding characters in London, is a personal friend of the champion.

The arrival of Joe and Marva with his entourage in London was broadcast on the BBC at the peak hour.

Joe's 300 Steaks

LONDON—Joe Louis, mindful of the critical food situation in England, brought 300 steaks with him, assuring himself and his party of five proper diet while here for his boxing exhibitions.

Champ To Return To U. S. Monday; Named In Suit

Columbus, Ohio

NEW YORK.—Joe Louis, whose exhibitions in Scandinavia were cancelled by promoters last Friday, was to sail from Cherbourg, France Wednesday, April 7, for New York. He is scheduled to arrive here on April 12. The exhibitions were cancelled because promoters could not find "suitable opponents." Sat. 4-10-48

At the same time the cancellation announcement was made, Rev. Matthew C. Faulkner, 32-year-old Atlanta minister, filed a $500,000 damage suit against Louis in Chicago's Superior Court. The suit charged that Louis "wilfully destroyed and alienated from the plaintiff the affections of his wife Mattie Carrie Faulkner," a beautiful New York model.

The plaintiff said that the illicit affair was carried on during last November, December and January while he (Rev. Faulkner) was serving in the Chaplain's Corps of the U. S. Army.

After two days in New York, the heavyweight champ will leave for a training camp in Michigan. He will work out there until May 18 and then move to Pompton Lakes, N. J., for five weeks of intensive boxing. 4-10-48

Louis Unimpressed by Europe's Boxers

The Afro-American

Baltimore

BRUSSELS—Joe Louis, preparing to sail to America Wednesday from Cherbourg, France, said last week that "there certainly are no good heavyweights in this part of the world."

Louis, who was unimpressed by the boxers he has seen in Europe added that Bruce Woodcock, British Empire heavyweight king, "looked hopeful at one time but he is not a fighter anymore."

LOUIS AND FARR REFIGHT BATTLE IN LONG TALK

Wed. 3-10-48

LONDON, March 9—(AP)—Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis and Britain's Tommy Farr refought their world title bout of 11 years ago Tuesday—over a late breakfast. The Constitution

While munching a solid meal of fruit juice, bacon and eggs, hot rolls and coffee, the two fighters discussed all 15 rounds of their last ring meeting in New York, Aug. 30, 1937. Atlanta, Ga

Tommy, now a paunchey, prosperous Brighton hotel man, accompanied Louis to the Earl's Court Exhibition, where Louis gives sparring and training exhibitions three times a day. Wed. 3-11-48

Farr said he did not intend to get into the ring with the champ. "Those days are a long way behind," he said.

Louis Runs Into Some Good Skates

PM

LONDON

Heavyweight champion Joe Louis will be paid off with 2600 pairs of ice skates for two exhibition appearances in Sweden April 2 and 4, his publicity manager, Irwin Rosee, said yesterday. New York, N.Y.

Rosee said that Louis already has arranged to sell the skates—which are worth about $9000—to a Cambridge, Mass., shoe manufacturing firm, thus overcoming Sweden's ban on the export of currency. Louis will have to pay a 15 per cent import duty to bring the skates into the United States. Thurs

The champion also will box a three-round exhibition in Brussels, Belgium, March 31, but will be renumerated for that in Belgian currency. 3-25-48

2-26-48

PM New York, N.Y.

Joe Louis and his wife, Marva, wave a greeting to English fans as they arrived in London yesterday. Joe is scheduled to give a series of exhibitions in Great Britain. Thurs 2-26-48

Associated Pr

Joe Louis Ends London Exhi Visit

The Courier-Journal

Louisville, Ky. Sun. 3-28-48

London, March 27 (AP)—Joe Louis quits London tomorrow some $80,000 heavier but well along in his preparations for his coming bout with Joe Walcott in New York on June 23.

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The champion developed a liking for the English custom of tea and crumpets in mid-afternoon. It is believed the extra meal kept his weight up.

Off duty Joe and the missus saw plenty of London's sights. Joe went to the House of Commons twice. He was a frequent theater goer. Twice, as might be expected, he went to boxing matches and usually stole the show. The Courier-Journal

But his own show, a main attraction at the health and holidays exhibition, was not a financial success. 3-28-48

The Evening Standard reported the exhibition lost $240,000.

During the rest of his time in Europe he will be just Joe Louis, tourist. He will embark on the Queen Elizabeth at Cherbourg, France. Louisville, Ky.

"We'll spend two days in New York and then go to training camp," said manager Marshall Miles. "Then we really go to work on Walcott." Sun

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Louis Leaves London Today With $80,000

The Constitution

Atlanta, Ga.

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Louis Starts Series of Boxing Exhibitions Before 1,000 Appreciative Fans in London

Times New York, N.Y.

Sat. 2-28-48

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

LONDON, Feb. 27—British boxing enthusiasts saw Joe Louis in action tonight in his first exhibition bout of a month-long series at Earls Court Stadium.

While they didn't see anything more exciting than what could be witnessed in the Brown Bomber's training camp before a fight, they perceived enough in the twenty minutes of shadow boxing, rope skipping, light bag punching and two rounds of boxing to judge the quality of the world heavyweight champion. Thus they could gauge the qualities to be looked for in a future British champion, and on that score British boxing fans were saddened. 2-28-48

Louis boxed one round with Eddie Phillips, who at one time before the war was the British light heavyweight champion. Eddie once beat Tommy Farr and before his retirement was considered a boxer of experience and merit.

None the less, he was made to look like a novice. Main interest was that Louis would forget he was just demonstrating. He didn't, so Phillips left the ring under his own power. Sat. 2-28-48

The second round was against an unknown youngster, who went in swinging at the champion—perhaps hoping to make his name as a giant killer. Louis expertly covered against the attack, and without apparent exertion counterpunched. That put any earlier notion out of the brash youngster's head in about three seconds.

Louis' exhibition topped the program in the Arena of Sport at the Health and Holidays Exhibition. He will appear twice nightly until March 27. Other champions in action at the show are British football, cricket, table tennis, bicycling and badminton stars.

Main interest, of course, was Louis, and about 1,000 persons paid the equivalent of $1 to $21 each to see the champion making his first visit to this country as a civilian. Joe received a warm welcome, for the British sporting public admires him, and if it cannot see him defend his title is willing to applaud a demonstration bout as the next best thing.

Louis Leaves Expensive Car at Home

PM

New York, N.Y.

Mon. 2-23-48

By Associated Press

LONDON

Joe Louis is not bringing any "$16,000 car" over here to drink up this island's scarce, rationed gasoline, his representative assured British sport fans yesterday.

The mass circulation *News of the World* told its seven million readers about the car, in the caption for a picture of Joe and Mrs. Louis leaving New York on the way here for an exhibition engagement. Mon.

Irwin Rosee, advance man for the Louis party, got on the telephone to the Queen Mary "as soon as I got up this morning," he said, and got a denial from Marshall Miles, Joe's manager. PM

"Marshall said he never even put that big car aboard," Rosee said. "He put it in a garage as soon as he heard about the tight rationing here, because Joe doesn't want any special favors. He'll ride in public conveyances, like everybody else."

Rosee added on his own the car "did not cost all that money, anyway—about one-fourth of that." He said Miles reported Louis felt fine and wanted to know about sparring partners. New York, N.Y.

The Louis party is due in Southampton tomorrow night and in London Wednesday. 2-23-48

The Louis and Steak Expedition

Newsweek N.Y., N.Y.

by JOHN LARDNER

Mon. 3-1-48

Old Joe Louis sailed off to England last week with a party of six, 300 pounds of steak, some butter, some coffee, some canned goods, and a mustache. Before departing, he chided old Joe Walcott for not signing the papers right away quick for their next fight. Old Joe W. snarled back that he would sign when he was sure that the contract would leave him at least one clean shirt to wear on Sundays.

I have been thinking of these two athletes as old Joe, not only because of their obvious maturity, but because of a folk song that used to be sung in northern parts of the U.S.A. in bygone days, to the tune of "The Old Gray Mare." The song was about old Abe Lincoln and old Jeff Davis, but for modern bathtub purposes it makes a good fit for Louis and Walcott, and can run like this (abbreviated): Newsweek

Old Joe Louis came out of the wilderness,
Many long years ago.
Old Joe Walcott, he tore down the government,
Many long years ago.
Old Joe Louis, he built it right up again,
Many long years ago.

N.Y., N.Y.

The last verse cannot be applied with strict truth before next June 23, and maybe it will never be true, but at least it is something for Louis to point for. It would be a favor to your correspondent, who likes to have his facts right while torturing the ghost of Caruso under the shower bath.

The record shows that Louis was one of the greatest of champions for ten years and a great fighter for years before that. Yet, since the Walcott pursuit race last year, it is hard for anyone to remember it.

Louis lately has been pretty generally run down as a champion by the same people who thought he was great when he was great. I am not going to be caught right now in an argument as to whether he was a better fighter at his best than, say, Dempsey at his best. Any Dempsey backer has good points on his side. For sheer fighting temperament, inside or outside the rules, Mr. Dempsey had no equal among heavyweight champions. I was reminded of this very sharply the other day by a Jack Sharkey story. Mr. Sharkey has disliked Dempsey for a long time, and is apt to belittle his work in the ring, but he made an important admission.

"If Dempsey and I had a fight in a telephone booth," said the Boston sailor, "Dempsey would come out."

In his heyday, however, this Louis was just as destructive as Dempsey in the ring, if not more so. It will be a shame if the public forgets it now that Joseph is old and bent.

Louis is bent mostly in an outward direction. He is convex in his old age, you might say, rather than concave. Judging by the weight he carried aboard the Queen Mary with him last week, along with all those foodstuffs, it will be well if Joe leaves the butter to the rest of his party and devotes himself to the steak. Steak is the standard equipment of the visiting athlete in England, where Louis will trade personal appearances for dollars in the next few weeks.

Mon. 3-1-48

Jack Kramer won a Wimbledon tennis title on steak. American golfers have run roughshod in England on steak since the war, and the American Olympic team plans to leap, run, and vault there on a porterhouse basis next summer.

This policy has always seemed to me to be a little rough on the home talent. While the visitors munch on their high-test victuals between rounds, the natives stand around biting their fingernails, which have a notoriously low calory value.

The steakless Briton suffers coming and going, for when he visits a country where steak grows on bushes, he finds it hard to control himself. Ronnie James of England went down to Australia a year or so ago to fight a welterweight title fight. The sight of unlimited sirloin went to his head. He ate himself into the middleweight division before the bout could take place, and had to forgo his share of the purse. It was sad; although Mr. James did say that he thought it was worth it, at that.

THE HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION IN FRENCH CAPITAL

The Times New York, N.Y. Sat. 4-3-48

Joe Louis looking out upon the Champs Elysees from his hotel room in Paris on Tuesday

The New York Times (Paris Bureau)

The Times New York, N.Y. Sat. 4-3-48

Life
3-22-48
Chicago, Ill.

(47a)

BARNSTORMING CHAMPION Joe Louis, on a two-month exhibition tour of England, bumped into old challenger and ex-British heavyweight boxing champion, Tommy Farr, in London last week. They talked over the bout they fought in 1937 (which Louis won), sat down to a genteel cup of tea (*above*).

Louis Demands Cash Of London Promoters

LONDON, June 23 (AP)—Heavyweight champion Joe Louis dunned London promoters today for $80,000 which he said hadn't been paid him for his month's boxing exhibition in London.

Louis told the promoters he wanted his cash by June 28.

The promoters said they lost between $600,000 and $800,000 on their "Health and Holidays" exhibition, of which the champion's sparring bouts were a part. New York, N.Y.

J. L. Freedman, their attorney, declared the champion had been paid $40,000 already and would get the rest later, but not by June 28. Thurs. 6-24-48

Louis Has Never Won His Own Golf Tourney

Defender
Chicago, Ill.
Sat. 7-24-48

DETROIT—Heavyweight champion Joe Louis has never won his own tournament. Despite brilliant shooting in early rounds of the previous meets, Joe has always been eliminated just when it seemed that he was on his way toward his most cherished goal.

Last week in Detroit, as he battered par on the rolling Rackham layout, Louis made the statement, "I'm going to win my tournament this year. It's high time."

But Joe will have his task cut out when he and over 150 other top-notch amateurs and professionals embark on the 72-hole, $3,500 Joe Louis Invitational which is scheduled Aug. 30-31, Sept. 1-2, at the same Rackham Course in Detroit on which Joe played last week.

One of Joe's biggest problems last year was Dr. Remus Robinson, the steady surgeon who fires birdies and pars with professional consistency. Robinson eliminatetd Joe last year after Louis had been established as one of the favorites because of his play in earlier rounds.

Defender

Holmes Troubles Joe

Thus far this season, the Champ's nemesis has been Alfred "Tup" Holmes, the transplanted Atlantan now playing out of Detroit. Three weeks ago, Tup dropped Joe from the Cleveland Tourney, and repeated his triumph in the Midwestern Elks meet. There is a keen rivalry which should come to a climax in the big tourney.

Chicago, Ill.

In the professional division, with a $1000 first prize dangling as bait, Ted Rhodes, Bill Spiller, Charles Sifford, Howard Wheeler, Clyde Martin, Willie Mosley and many others will clash during the four days.

Sat. 7-24-48

Defending champion Rhodes has been established as the favorite because of his consistency, but Sifford, the Philadelphian, and Spiller have both been hitting sub-par figures on the tournament tour. Martin, former Louis tutor, served notice that he is ready by setting a new course record in Minneapolis two weeks ago by firing a sizzling 64.

MOTION SEEKS TO QUASH SERVICE ON JOE LOUIS

Daily World
Atlanta, Ga.

CHICAGO— (ANP) — What is the home address of Joe Louis? Is it at 4320 Souhh Michigan Avenue here, where his wife, Marva, and their two children live? Or it is in New York?

Wed.

Attorney Tryman K. Gibson, who is representing the champ in the $500,000 alienation of affections suit brought by the Rev. Mathew C. Faulkner of Atlanta, says that the Chicago address is not Louis' but his wife's.

5-19-48

A summons for Louis to appear before Judge J. Tuohy in Superior court was left at Marva Louis' address. The hearing surrounds the charge that Louis robbed Faulkner of his wife's affection.

MOTION TO QUASH

Gibson is to seek a motion to quash service Wednesday, but he let it be known that the champ was not dodging the challenge. "We'll be glad to take on this court fight after the champ gets through with Joe Walcott," he said.

Wed. 5-19-48

Louis and Walcott are scheduled to meet in a return championship match in New York next month.

However, Friedman says that they expect to resist the motion. "We hope Louis beats him," he said. 'We want to engage the world's champion."

Godoy Still Thinks He Could Beat Louis

News
Birmingham Ala

COLUMBUS, Ohio, June 15—(AP)—Arturo Godoy, the South American heavyweight from Chile, still believes he can whip Joe Louis.

Godoy said so last night after scoring a four-round technical knockout over Irish Pat Richard, Columbus ex-Marine who had piled up an impressive 30-fight record.

News-Birmingham

"I am 34 years old. So is Louis," Godoy said. "I have been winning a lot of fights and am ready for him.

Tue. 6-15-48

"I SAW YOUR FIGHT with Louis in 1940 in Madison Square Garden," we told Godoy. "You were fighting in a deep crouch, and he didn't get many shots at you in the 15 rounds."

"Yes, I was sharp that night." Godoy answered. "I thought I beat him, too. Remember in the 10th round, when I kissed his cheek in a clinch? Well, I was kissing him goodbye. At the finish, I was standing in my corner waiting for the man to say 'the new champion of the world.' I was very happy. But the man said 'and still champion of the world' and I almost cried—but I was sure I beat him."

Star New York, N.Y. Wed.

The talk has been around for years that Joe Louis is a sucker for a right hand punch. One of the reasons that Joe hasn't suffered from this weakness is shown here—Joe's own right. 6-23-48

Associated Press Photo

Here's How and Why

Jersey Joe's Saga Of 'Relief to Riches'

Star New York, N.Y.
Wed. 6-23-48

Less than four years ago, Jersey Joe Walcott was a down-and-out Negro heavyweight who had retired from the ring for the fifth time, utterly discouraged and dead broke. Tonight when that same Joe Walcott enters the ring with Joe Louis at Yankee Stadium, he stands to earn around $200,000.

The story behind this "rags to riches" saga goes back to the day in 1944 when Felix Bocchicchio, a a local promoter, called at Walcott's heatless home in Camden, N. J. to tr yto talk Walcott out of retiring.

Walcott, who at one time had been on relief, was not enthusiastic, but the promoter convinced him to pick up the fight trail "just once more."

A Long, Hard Grind

It was a long, hard grind. In 1945 Walcott received $100 for knocking out Jackie Sanders at Camden. There were months of little income. But by June, 1947 he was in the $35,000 bracket for outpointing Joey Maxim at Los Angeles. Then came Joe Louis and comparative riches from their first fight last Dec. 5.

Wed.

Ever since that date the somewhat squat, journeyman fighter has been quietly but firmly insistent that he beat Louis.

"I won," he said, "and I'll beat him again." 6-23-48

His confidence never wavered.

Louis to Receive Dollars as Part British Payment

Herald Tribune
New York, N.Y.

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LONDON, July 8 (AP).—Joe Louis, retired world heavyweight boxing champion, has been granted permission to change part of his British earnings into dollars. Fri. 7-9-48

This was reported today by Sir Stafford Cripps, chancellor of the Exchequer, in a written reply to Edgar Granvillle, Liberal member of the House of Commons.

A British promoter contracted to pay Louis 20,000 pounds ($80,000) for a month-long appearance in an exhibition last March. Louis wrote last month asking for his money. The attorney for the promoter said Louis had been paid half of it and would get the rest in due course. 7-9-48

Johnson would have murdered Louis, says oldtimer

Tribune
Los Angeles, Calif.

NEWARK, N. J. — "Jack Johnson would have murdered Joe Louis," says Jack Gunther, 78-year-old French-Algerian Negro contemporary of the late great Johnson.

Sat. 7-24-48

Gunther, a wounded pensioner of the two wars, fought 600 battles in his time, won six out of 9 from the late Jack Blackburn, the man who taught Joe Louis, and didn't wind up until he was 42, when he lost a close one to 25-year-old Jackie Clark at Allentown, Pa.

"I've seen 'em come and go," says Gunther, "and no heavyweight before or since could lay a glove on "Lil' Arthur. He would have punched holes in the likes of Louis." Sat. 7-24-48

In his time, Gunther, a mite of a heavyweight at 172, fought and beat the best. He kayoed movie star Victor McLaglen, then a leading lightheavy contender; stopped Georges Carpentier before Dempsey got to him; fought and beat Joe Choynski, and Sam Lanford. Never weighing over the 172 and a scant 5 foot 9, Gunther scored 90 knockouts over the best Australian, British, Italian, and American heavies.

Tribune

Still hale and hearty, Gunther says he expects to live past 100; doesn't expect to live to see the likes of Johnson.

Story of an Ex-Violinist

The Courier

DETROIT—"I got him a violin and made him take lessons," Mrs. Lilly Barrow, the mother of the world's heavyweight champion, said. "I wanted him to do something in his spare time. But he would sneak off to the gymnasium and box. Finally, I gave up. He didn't want to be a violinist and I decided I shouldn't make him something he didn't want to be."

Joe Louis' mother is the same as mothers throughout the world. She has a famous and successful son. She's proud of him. But like her illustrious son, she never brags or boasts. We interviewed her in her home at 2100 McDougal Street in Detroit. Joe gave her the house soon after he had collected his first big purse. That was at least fifteen years ago.

A lot of water has passed under the bridge since then. Joe went on to win the heavyweight championship and established one of the greatest records in all sports history. Now he has retired and his mother is glad.

"I don't want my boy to fight any more," she said. "When he announced over the radio after the Walcott fight that he was quitting, I was so happy I didn't know what to do. I just thanked God."

She wants her son to come home now and stay a while. "I haven't seen my boy for any length of time for fourteen years," she said. "He's either been in training or fighting all the time. When he wasn't doing that he was in the Army and traveling all over the world entertaining soldiers."

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mrs. Barrow likes to talk about the days when Joe was starting out. Those were days when making a daily living was a tough job and Joe had to quit school and go to work. He got a job on the ice wagon and whatever he made during the day he'd come home and "give it to ma."

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Didn't Want Him to Box

"He was a good worker," his mother said proudly. "In fact, when he announced the other night that he was quitting, the man he used to work for on the ice wagon came by the house and told me he can have his old job back if he wants it."

Sat. 7-10-48

The might of her son's fists made Mrs. Barrow one of the world's best-known mothers. Her picture has been in papers around the world and writers have beaten a path to her door. Despite his fame, however, she advises mothers to keep their sons out of the ring.

"I wouldn't want another fighter in my family," she said. "I'll tell all mothers not to let their sons box. I was worried all the time. I was always afraid something would happen to my Joe. I didn't want him to get hurt. I didn't want him to box. The only reason I let him was because that was the one thing he wanted to do. When I finally gave in, I told him he could box until the time when they started beating him. Then he'd have to quit." In all his career, Joe only lost once as a professional and consequently his mother couldn't pass out one of those "you have to quit" notices. She saw him fight four times. She was there when Max Schmeling battered him in that first fight.

"Somehow," she said, "I didn't worry about that defeat. I just felt that Joe could beat him and would some day."

The Courier

Joe did just that. He came back the second time and knocked the German for a loop. It was a first-round loop, too.

Pittsburgh, Pa.

When he was a youngster, Joe had to be taken to the woodshed every once in a while. "I used to spank him now and then," she said. "I used to whip him real good once in a while." She smiled at the thought of whipping the heavyweight champion of the whole world.

"Of course," she added, "I outweighed him then by forty or fifty pounds."

Sat. 7-10-48

The Record Columbia, S.C.

The Last Trip

UNCLE MIKE AND JOE GO TOGETHER

The Record Columbia, S.C.

Thurs 6-24-48

Jacobs Reached Top, Gives It Up With Brown Bomber

BY OSCAR FRALEY

NEW YORK, June 24—(UP)—Rain beat against the wide windows and the thin man with the tired face slumped in a red leather chair, the vacant stare of parading years clouding his eyes as he shifted the paralyzed right arm resting in his lap.

Noise drifted in from the other offices of the jammed 20th Century Sporting club but Michael Strauss Jacobs heard none of it. He sat alone, marking time in the soothing silence and gathering the strength to finish up with his "boy."

Thurs.

This is the end of the road for both "Uncle Mike" and the dark destroyer known as Joe Louis, a combination of dough and dynamite which for 11 long and eventful years has had the boxing world at its feet. They are going out together.

6-24-48

And as "Uncle Mike" sat there, staring at the rain and then at the picture of a younger Louis on the wall—and seeing neither—he was traveling back down those 67 storied years.

Hard Reputation

To most people Mike Jacobs is a calloused promoter who in the past decade has been a tough taskmaster to the trade. It's a reputation as inevitable as the rain which hammered against the window panes.

The Record

Because right from the start, nobody gave Mike anything. He was a frail Jewish boy born in a predominantly Irish section near the Battery. Those were the days when John L. Sullivan, a domineering son of the old sod, was champion of the world and, well, kids will be kids. Little Mike Jacobs sold his newspapers under difficulties.

But he sold them, and soon he was peddling excursion tickets for the little sidewheelers which took New Yorkers and their girls to Coney Island.

Looking at him, with the rain as a backdrop, it was difficult to envision the enterprise which transformed this low-born son of the slums into a millionaire. Sick, old and tired now, he had his triumphs. So many, in fact, through an uncanny sixth sense in ticket speculation, that he became the man behind those princely productions of the late Tex Rickard, whom he ultimately succeeded as head of 20th Century.

The Record

Still A Nonentity

But Jacobs still was a nonentity—until the day in 1935 when he heard of the young assassin named Joe Louis.

Columbia, S.C.

It's a good bet that those golden days were pictures passing through "Uncle Mike's" mind as he sat there all alone.

How Madison Square Garden, not a partner in those times, had contracted champion Jimmy Braddock to fight Max Schmeling. But how he broke that document and, with his "boy" under contract, proceeded to win the heavyweight championship of the world on a warm summer night in Chicago.

Thurs.

"They've held it ever since, 11 years and two days and through 24 defenses which spanned a world war. The money piled high as Jacobs set them up and Louis knocked them down.

6-24-48

Farr . . . Mann. . .Thomas. . . Schmeling and the big thrill. . . Lewis . . .Roper. . . Galento. . . Pastor . . .Godoy. . .Paychek. . . Godoy again. . .McCoy. . .Burman . . . Dorazio. . . Simon. . . Musto. . .Baer. . .Conn. The war . . .Conn again. . .Mauriello. . . and finally Walcott.

They all peopled the mind of the forlorn, lonesome little man as he sat there unmoving and looked into the rain. And you knew he was reading the final chapter.

There may be another for him and his "boy" but actually this is the grand finale. It's the end of the road for both of them in the game which climaxed the career of the little Jewish boy from the Battery and the Negro youngster raised in an Alabama cabin.

You saw all those pictures in damp blue eyes, and you went away and left him alone with the rain and a picture.

JOE LOUIS SCORES IN PATERSON BOUT

Sat 12-18-48

the New York Times

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

PATERSON, N. J., Dec. 16—Before three other great champions of boxing history, Joe Louis tonight concluded his 1948 exhibition tour at the Armory with a six-round joust against Pat Comiskey, local heavyweight, that was as near actual fighting as is possible with over-stuffed 12-ounce gloves.

Abe Attell, Tony Canzoneri and Barney Ross, all former champions, were in the gathering of 5,132 fans which saw Louis batter Comiskey through four of the six two-minute rounds. No decision was rendered, but had one been forthcoming, Referee Paul Cavalier must have raised the champion's hand.

The New York Times

The exhibition, staged in the interest of under-privileged children here, realized a tidy sum, $14,683.

Puffed and flabby about the middle at 220 pounds, Louis found Comiskey's straight lefts annoying in the first two rounds. Occasional right-hand drives to the head exposed a well-known Louis weakness, and the crowd yelled encouragement as Comiskey's sharp blows thudded against the heavyweight champion's head or grazed his jaw.

Sat-12-1848

In the third round, however, Louis began to beat Comiskey to the jabs, drilled solid lefts and rights to the body and ripped short left and right uppercuts to the chin. This took some of the steam out of Comiskey. A left and right to the jaw shook Comiskey in the fourth and in the fifth a savage right to the ribs spun him off balance.

Sat 12-18-48

Body blows, with occasional sharp lefts to the face, had Comiskey on the defensive through most of the sixth. But in one rally Pat cracked a right to the jaw, Louis leaped in to avenge the blow and hurt Comiskey with a left and right to the face. Comiskey weighed 214 pounds.

Steve Klepeis, Clifton, N. J., welterweight, out-fought Norman Kelly, Detroit, in a slam-bang six-round battle that preceded the Louis exhibition. Referee Cavalier gave the award to Klepeis with the approval of the crowd. Klepeis' southpaw stance baffled his rival and the Clifton lad's solid smashes to the body at long range and close quarters had Kelly giving ground through most of the battle. Klepeis weighed 148 pounds and Kelly 146.

Swinging a barrage of rights to the jaw in the first two sessions, Jimmy Walters, New York welterweight, pounded out a decision over Jim Milligan, Haskell, N. J., in their six-rounder. Walters weakened his foe with solid lefts and rights to the body and outslugged Milligan in every round after the second. Walters weighed 148 and Milligan 142.

RETURN MATCHES FATAL FOR CHAMPION JOE LOUIS' FOES

Daily World

Atlanta, Ga. Thurs.

POMPTON LAKES, N. J.—(SNS)- Want a saga of second meetings. Well, all these stories tell of sluggers who kissed the canvas in return engagements with Joe Louis. Back in the Brown Bomber's pre-championship days Silent Joe disposed of opponents like Lee Ramage, Natie Brown, Willie Davis, in much less time and more easily than in the first outing. As a champion Louis retained this knack. They may have bothered him the first, but in the second match he was always in command. 6-3-48

Take Max Schmeling the hulking German, who pasted Louis into oblivion when they met in Chicago, June 19, 1936. Schmeling was the victor on a kayo in 12 rounds. Rematched in 1938, with Louis defending championship he had won from Braddock it was entirely a different story. As the bell sounded for round one, Louis tore out, cornered Schmeling, and battered him to an almost quivering hulk in 2:04 of the first round.

Bob Pastor, a really classy leather-pusher and fast as greased-lightning thought he had the formula to cope with Louis. Pastor tied weaving, clutching and feinting and went the route. This qualified him for a title shot on September 20, 1939. He was game but it was the same story. Louis blasted him in the 11th. Thurs.

Big Abe Simon, 260 extended Louis to the 13th round of a title bout in March, 1941. In a return match for the Army Relief Fund (with Louis donating his purse to the Fund) Louis battered Simon from pillar to post before plowing him under in the sixth. They met again January 9, 1942 for Navy Relief, with Louis again donating his entire purse. Joe annihilated Buddy in less than one-round. 6-3-48

Billy Conn came as close as anyone to relieving Louis of his crown. On June 18, 1941, Conn was ahead on points on the cards of two of the officials and even on the other. Also he seemed to be getting stronger while Louis was tiring, Between rounds, Jack Blackburn said to Louis "You need a knockout, Chappie". Louis nodded. Daily World

Conn came out confidently in the 13th. He knew he was winning, but he too wanted a knockout. He had staggered Louis in the 12th. He tore into Louis with both hands. For a full half-round; he was doing okay. But then he missed with a left hook. That was the opening Louis wanted. He nailed Conn with a counter. Then he staggered him with a followup. Then came the curtains. Conn was counted out at 2:58 of the 13th. Atlanta, Ga.

With Louis and Conn in khaki boxing lagged in doldrums. With the end of the Big Fight came the much heralded return engagement. Louis mastered Conn in the 8th.

What will Louis' fate be against Walcott? June 23 at Yankee Stadium will give the answer. Ask some of Louis' past foes who should know.

What'll Joe Do?

PM New York, N.Y.

Mon. 2-24-48

This is a little presumptuous on my part, but I think I know what Joe Louis is planning to do. I think he is planning to lick Joe Walcott and then go on to be a preacher.

They all look at the pictures of a big ol' fat Joe Louis and they say he's all washed up. They are betting against him. He still is my boy. I haven't any betting money any more, but the way I dream it is this:

The night of June 23 in the Yankee Stadium, Louis will come out looking too big. He will have a ring around his elly-bay, which is the delicate way of saying something else. His legs were always big, but on June 23 they will be bigger than usual.

Walcott will run away from him for two rounds. Then Walcott will clip him and Louis will go down. Louis will get up on the count of 8, and the bettors will be screaming for Walcott to polish him off. The bell will ring and Louis, never very good after taking a punch, will be wobbly going to his corner.

In the corner, he will come to. He will brush away the men who are trying to give him advice. He will take one slug of water, and spit it out in the pail. They will all be talking to him, and he will pay no attention. This all will take place between the third and fourth rounds. Mon.

In those 40 or 50 seconds (it is supposed to be 60 seconds, but it takes a little time to get to the corner) Louis will be spitting and looking over at Walcott

Walcott will be jumpy, even if he is sitting down. He will be jumpy. There's too much ahead of him, if this time he can polish Louis off. He will be listening to what they're saying. 2-24-48

In the fourth, Louis will come out quietly, pushing everybody in his corner away as they try to tell him something. He will nail Walcott in a corner, the way he did that ninth round the last time, but this time Walcott will not get away. Walcott will go down, and for keeps.

Joe Louis will move to the neutral corner, then he will go over, after the count of 10 has sounded, and he will help Walcott to his feet.

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When the fight is all over, Joe Louis will be tired. All the little petty larceny men who hang around him will not be fired, and in the dressing-room, they will be full of talk and very lively. Louis is tired right now, but on that night of June 23 he will have been able to summon up enough strength for the job he had to do. New York, N.Y.

The lively little larcenists will make statements for him, or else, in his weariness, they will have him say them, with no conviction in his voice. Mon.

Next day, he will pick up his check. And a couple of days afterwards, when they are all trying to figure out another fight for him, he will say: 2-24-48

"Boys, I'm through."

And, I believe, he will then, in a little while when things have cooled off, become a preacher. All his life he has had a fine gift for saying things simply. He likes that gift better than the fine gift he has for hurting people with his hands. He only wanted to hurt one guy in his whole ring career, Max Schmeling. The others were jobs to do. On June 24, he will be able to go ahead and do something that he likes in his soul. He will be able to go ahead and talk for people, the way a good preacher does.

When that happens, I, for one, will listen to him.

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Joe Louis Has a Proud Career

His gentlemanly conduct, in and out of the ring, has done much for the good of his race

Louisville, Ky.

By Robert C. Ruark

Mon. 5-3-48

NEW YORK—The passage of time is not a pleasant topic to those who are beginning to thin out on top and bulge a bit in the middle. It gives you an unpleasant shock to see a shot of Shirley Temple dandling her daughter, or a picture of Jackie Coogan showing him bald as a bone.

It was the same sort of thing yesterday, when I was standing in a rubbing room at Pompton Lakes, N. J., listening to Joe Louis expound on how a man his age—Joe is 34—has to train himself on rest and stored energy, instead of beating himself viciously into shape. Seems less than last week Joe was an inarticulate lad with a panther's energy.

"Like treatin' a sick man to get him well," Joe said. "You got to get him healthy by degrees. I do it all, but now I do it slow."

Louis looks the same—to me, anyhow—as he did 12 years ago. Just a little heavier—he was 220 yesterday—but he's grown bigger and taller in all these years, and 25 championship fights. He has become suaver, with years of money and attention, but never any less nice. I never yet left a talk with Louis without marveling, a little, at the instinctive gentleness of the guy—a sure touch for the right thing that never led him to make a wrong remark.

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IT WOULD be my idea that Joe Louis has done more for interracial relations than all the organizations which devote time to lobbying for brotherly love. This big, brown boy with the sleepy eyes, who says he is fighting his last fight next month, has been squarely on a spot since he stepped into the ring. With the memory of Jack Johnson's gaudy profligacy still fresh, they just sat back and waited for Louis to pull some sort of trick to buy him—and his race—a bad public name. All his actions ever commanded was respect. I doubt if anybody thinks of Joe as white or colored, anymore. He is as categoryless as Babe Ruth. 5-31-48

They say that there should be a heavy cruelty quotient in a man to make him a good competitor, athletically—the kind of meanness and sadistic brutality that people were obvious around a Louis bivouac. Somehow—even in stilted press interviews—voices were kept deferentially low.

This was an obeisance to something the sports people call "class." It is a thing that a few bullfighters had, a few baseball players, a jockey or two, and not many fighters. It's way apart from a skill, a technique, or even innate ability. Sort of a refinement of all those things, needing no advertisement. The Courier-Journal

Joe looked awful in his last fight with Joe Walcott. Yet yesterday he lumped Wolcott with Johnny Paychek and some of the other bums he blew down. Joe rarely makes personal remarks about anybody. Somebody asked him if he made the crack because he was sore at Walcott. Louisville, Ky.

"Naw," Joe grunted. "Made it because I was mad at me." Months later, the champion was still whipping himself for appear-

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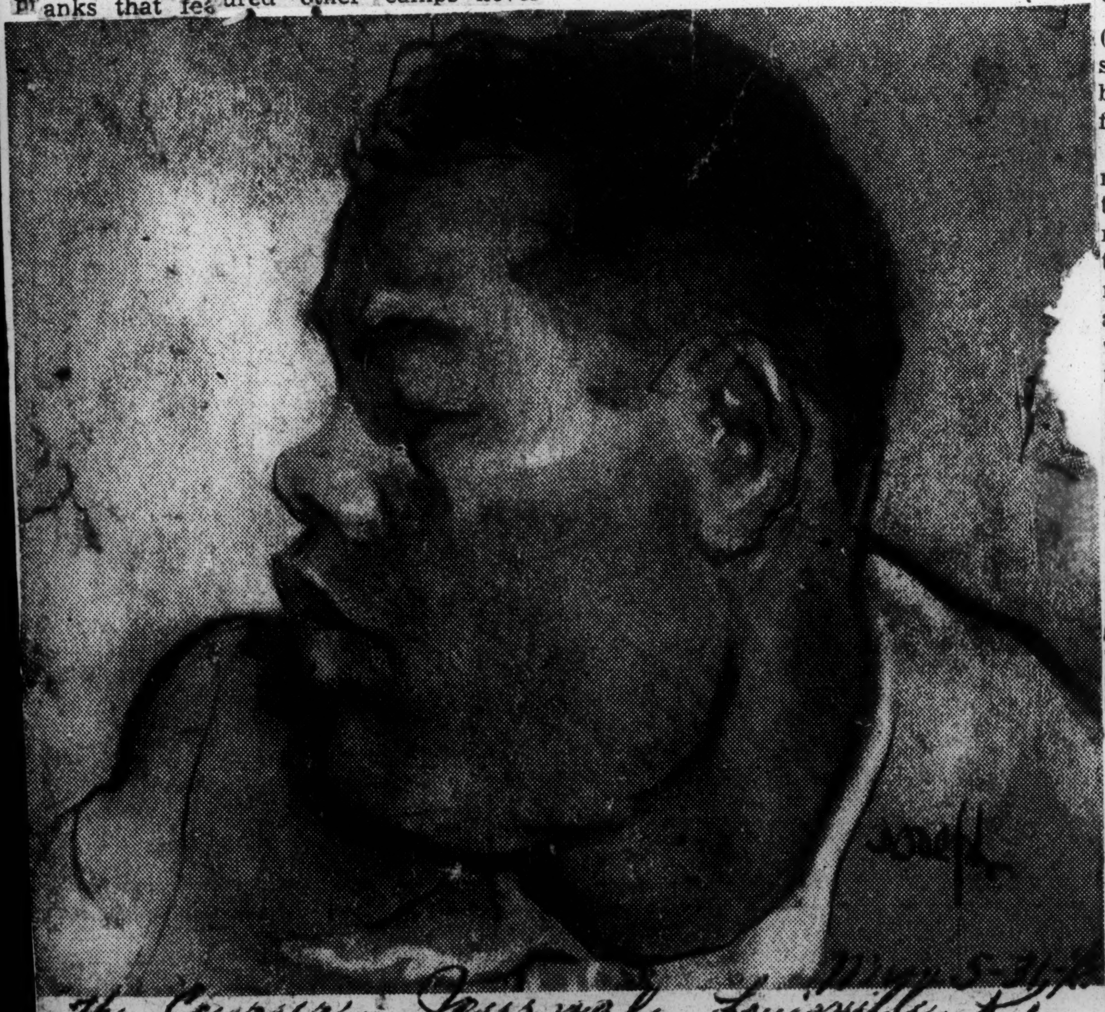
ing inept in the ring with a man, of his own race, whom he regards as inferior to his own standards of professional behavior. but he rarely angered. I remember once, in a fight with Lou Nova, that Nova started making those ridiculous yoga motions of his. Louis threw back his head and guffawed. Then he shuffled in and destroyed Mr. Nova's chin with one swipe, setting back the cause of oriental mysticism some several thousand years. He was still chuckling when he left the ring.

The Courier-Journal

LOUIS was born with dignity. He had it even as a raw youth, in a wild, rude racket. The dignity has always rubbed off on the people around him.

Louisville, Ky.

I never saw anything ribald or rowdy around a Louis camp. It was run with calmness, courtesy, and the subdued atmosphere of a minor shrine. Only a few people were able, ever, to joke with Joe. The rough pranks that featured other camps never



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The Courier-Journal Louisville, Ky.

The Champion

Dominican Republic

Walter Stewart

Memphis, Tenn.

Joe Louis Once Was Called Many Things And They Had To Do With Ring Mayhem But Der Max Schmeling Eased Them

The Commercial Appeal

YANKEE STADIUM, NEW YORK, June 25.—When a couple of Joes get together, things are likely to happen—especially when the Joes happn to b named Louis and Walcott. So thse two warriors of the ring are facing each other confidently, and therein may hang the story of a retirement or two.

GALENTO

But once upon a time, the Louis name scared boxing men calling themselves heavyweight contenders out of their boots. They would have stayed as far from Louis as New York is from San Francisco—but the call of the Uncle Sam green was too great.

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It seems probably that Louis began to come back to his field when the trademark of terror faded from his dark brow. In ancient days, war correspondents habitually asked the next victim:

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"Are you afraid of the guy?"

Fear Began To Fall Everywhere

The Commercial Appeal

It was naturally a pretty absurd question, for the challenger (with one eye on the gate and the other trained upon his professional status) was never quite stupid enough to admit that fright was boiling beneath his wishbone. He didn't have to, as a general rule, for the bright nervousness of his denial was quite sufficient evidence.

The local unveiling took place with Primo Carnera cast in the role of the sacrificial bull and Joe made a rather frightful hash of the gentle giant. Da Preem was cursed with a dental facade which rushed off in all directions . . . ragged tusks thrusting forward like the bayonets of the old guard at the charge. In the third or fourth round, his rubber mouthpiece was displaced by a raking left hook and then Joe blew a right hand to the chops. Lips and fangs merged with a dull crunch and Carnera could easily have been mistaken for a man who had just been hit in the face with an elderly tomato.

Louis felled him with an economic ruthlessness . . . battered him to the floor with a gloved hurricane which seemed to shake the earth. Heavyweights who witnessed this execution departed, loosening their collars and looking a trifle green about the wattles. Their cloaks of many-colored cynicism rippled away by the fury of the young negro's knuckles, sports writers sat solemnly down at their typewriters and began to forge names of a fearsome nature . . . the dark angel of death, the ambling assassin, the brown meatchopper. Some of them demanded that the homicide squad rouse itself in time to prevent murder and predicted that Louis would probably kill the next man he met unless that character was equipped with a catcher's mask and a large, economy size ax.

So the spell of fear was cast and began to darken the mental recesses of every man weighing more than 174 pounds and fighting for a living. Most odious example was Kingfish Levinsky, the haddock hustler of Chicago's Maxwell Street. We have never seen a man with such acute horror clawing at his vitals. The fight was hold in Comiskey Park and the time was prodded along from 10 to 9 p.m. The management explained that it was going to rain, but those attending failed to see a cloud, and it was believed that an extra hour would have robbed Levinsky's legs of the strength necessary to scale the ring steps.

Memphis, Tenn.

As it was, he advanced behind hands held upward in piteous supplication . . . took a few innocuous nudges and sat down upon the lower rope crying:

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"Stop it . . . he's killing me!"

Then Joe Was Tabbed For Oblivion

This set a pattern which remained firm until Max Schmeling arrived from Germany. You can say whatever comes handy about this sullen Hun, but no one can successfully accuse him of cowardice. We talked to him on the Bremen as it tooled down the harbor—asked the same old question.

"I do not fear Louis, or any other man," snapped der Max. "I knock him out, but goot."

Everyone smiled wisely and observed that others had said that before, only to be palsied by the frosty depths of the killer's eyes. But Max walked straight across the ring and boffed Louis with a right which shook the ancestors Joe had left back in Alabama. The fight went 12 rounds before Schmeling finally sent his man crashing into darkness, but that first whistling right hand was probably the margin of triumph. Louis was used to men who quaked in their battle boots, and he never did quite get around to understanding what was happening to him.

It was immediately predicted that the reign of fear was over, that Joe was now just another fighter and that everyone was going to take a toehold and tee off for the long ball. Nothing of the sort happened. He belted over a few more creatures of adversity and once more fright was spawned in the hearts of the heavyweight masses.

The Commercial Appeal

Then some of the authority began to fade from the negro's maulies and fighters of recent vintage have treated him with scarce courtesy.

Memphis, Tenn.

Tami Mauriello leveled off a murderous right on Joe's skull before going down, and last December, Walcott treated the champion as though he was just another sparring partner prepared to earn his loaf with lumps.

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Of course, there were a few fighters who didn't seem to realize that Louis was a rare combination of bluebeard, jack-the-ripper and Count Dracula. Tub-tummied Two-Ton Tony Galento was one of them, and Tommy Farr was another. Billy Conn was a model of courage in his first engagement with the champion, but in the reunion he had many points in common with a paralytic rabbit observing the approach of a copperhead.

Louis Signed; Walcott Now Sought for Battle

The Constitution

Atlanta, Ga. Fri. 1-9-48

By WHITNEY MARTIN

NEW YORK, Jan. 8—(AP)—If Jersey Joe Walcott wants another shot at Joe Louis' heavyweight boxing championship, he'll have to agree to terms set down by the Twentieth Century Sporting Club.

This was assured Thursday when Acting Promoter Sol Strauss signed the champion to meet Walcott or "any other fighter named by the Twentieth Century Sporting Club, and approved by Louis," in a title bout next June.

The site was not designated, but it was presumed it would be the Yankee Stadium, with the probable date about June 23.

According to the agreement, Louis will receive 40 percent of the net of all receipts, including television, radio and motion picture rights.

The champion has said that he prefers Walcott for his opponent in what he insists will be his last fight, but Jersey Joe's demand that he receive 30 percent of the proceeds has held up negotiations.

In their previous meeting, last Dec. 5, Louis won a split decision after being knocked down twice and severely battered. Referee Ruby Goldstein voted for Walcott, but the two judges gave the nod to Louis, the verdict being highly unpopular in some quarters.

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Mike Jacobs, the ailing promoter, talked to Louis on the telephone from Miami and is believed to have influenced the champion in his decision. Louis put in a call to Jacobs after the signing Thursday to say "Hello" and inform him of his action.

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With Louis safely under his wing, Strauss indicated he would resume negotiations with Walcott shortly, probably within the next week or 10 days. Walcott, through his manager, Joe Webster, and associate, Felix Bocchicchio, has been demanding 30 percent on the basis of Jersey Joe's showing in the December fight. With Louis receiving 40 percent, however, it seemed improbable that the challenger would receive more than 20 percent.

Atlanta, Ga.

Should Walcott refuse to fight for less than 30 percent, or whatever terms he is offered, there are several possible opponents. Louis himself has spoken favorably of the ability of Gus Lesnevich, the light - heavyweight champion. Joey Maxim, who holds a decision over Walcott in one of three bouts, meets the Swedish importation, Olle Tandberg, at Madison Square Garden Friday night, and the winner of that fight is a possibility. So is Elmer (Violent) Ray.

HE'S MIKE'S UNTIL 1951

Joe Louis Is Tied Up By Personal Contract

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The Constitution

Atlanta, Ga. Thurs 1-15-48

By DAVIS J. WALSH

NEW YORK, Jan. 14—(INS)—It will interest Philadelphia Promoter Herman Taylor and the Jersey Joe Walcott people to learn that Joe Louis is, and has been all along, under contract to Mike Jacobs until 1951.

It is one of those "personal service" arrangements, which may be terminated in the meantime only by the death, or inactivity, of either principal or both. Incidentally, this and other confidential details of the current heavyweight championship situation come to the writer from excellently-placed sources. 1-15-48

Meanwhile, there's no need to tell the Messrs. Taylor and Walcott that, in their negotiations immediately preceeding Louis' acceptance of 20th Century terms, they merely were being taken out and shown the scenery. By this time, they know that themselves.

They also must realize they were the means by which Louis' new high-pressurist, Truman Gibson, was able to jam through what stacks up as an $800,000 deal with the Mike Jacobs organization.

Naturally, the general situation had to be feasible in the first place. And it wouldn't have been, if old Mike had been around—running everything and everybody, and balefully gnashing his bared gums.

The Constitution

But he hasn't been around for 14 months, and there was a fair chance the personal-service contract could have been declared invalid, before they got Louis signed for a June presentation at the Yankee Stadium.

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That made it easy to insist on 40 percent of "everything," meaning a minimum $600,000 from the box office, $150,000 from the pictures and $50,000 from the radio-television rights.

Otherwise, a glib party named Gibson might have pulled the watch on Old Mike down in Miami, and threatened to take Louis to Philadelphia, just as Tunney once threatened Rickard.

That was more than 20 years ago, between the two Dempsey fights, with Tunney legally on the loose and presumably free to sign with whom he wished. He indicated that his regal choice might fall upon a certain Humbert J. Fugazy, an Italian banker who had been doing a chore of prize fight promoting in his spare time.

They even conferred in a midtown hotel, at great length and to no purpose, save perhaps this: It caused Rickard to give Tunney the biggest purse ever paid a prize fighter—some $980,000 for the second Dempsey fight at Chicago.

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Be that as it might, stand-in Sol Straus wasn't kidding when he said Mike was returning to his desk in April. Mike intends to do exactly that—to "keep" the Louis personal-service contract.

HEAVYWEIGHT—Joe Louis, now enroute to England on the liner Queen Mary for a series of exhibitions in London, is signed to defend his title at Yankee Stadium, June 23. No challenger has been matched. Unless Jersey Joe Walcott signs by March 5, another challenger will be selected, according to Louis' recent ultimatum.

Daily Worker

New York, N.Y.

Lesnevich will defend against Blackjack Billy Fox at Madison Square Garden on March 5. Winner of this bout may move into the heavyweight division and challenge Louis in June, if Walcott fails to come to terms.

Tues. 2-24-48

Joe Louis Says He'll Step From Boxing To Politics

Atlanta Constitution

Atlanta, Ga.

Fri. 2-20-48

NEW YORK, Feb. 19—(AP)—Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis said Thursday he would enter the political ring after his retirement from the boxing ring.

The Champion's surprise statement came shortly before he sailed on the Queen Mary for England, where he will stage an extensive series of exhibitions.

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In answer to questions, Louis said during a shipboard interview that he definitely would go into politics but that he had not decided if or when he would run for public office.

"I think everybody eventually goes into politics," Louis told newsmen. Asked why he attended a meeting in Harlem last Sunday, where Henry A. Wallace was the principal speaker, Louis said "because the same reason everyone else went there."

When asked to comment on Wallace and the Third Party, Louis said:

"I have not as yet made up my mind about this. Mr. Wallace made a wonderful speech and I liked it very much."

Walcott Isn't Scared by Louis

CAMDEN, N. J., Feb. 19—(AP)—Joe Louis' threat to defend his world heavyweight title against somebody else in June isn't scaring Jersey Joe Walcott.

Walcott laughed at that idea Thursday.

"If Louis thinks he can put over Lesnevich or anybody else as a challenger and draw a million dollars, let him go ahead and try it," Walcott said, adding:

"He ought to be thankful he still has the title after I beat him in December."

N. Y. Daily News

Mon. 4-12-48

Time Chicago, Ill.

Mon. 4-12-48

Love Thief? The Rev. Matthew C. Faulkner, Negro Baptist minister of Atlanta, Ga., filed a $500,000 damage suit charging that heavyweight champion Joe Louis had stolen the affections of his wife, the model Carolle Drake Faulkner. In New York with her two children, Mrs. Faulkner denied the charges, claiming her husband was "insanely jealous" and given to punching her at every opportunity. In Paris with Marva, the wife he married twice, Joe Louis was, as usual, taciturn. "No truth in it," he said.

Carolle: The husband was jealous

Cleric Says Joe Louis Stole His Wife's Love

Minister's Suit for $500,000 Accuses

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Louis: Bob McElroy's eyes pop

Popeyed: Bobby McElroy, 5, won't ever forget the day last week when, watching Joe Louis train in a Chicago gymnasium for his exhibition bout with Bob Foxworth, the heavyweight champion let him feel his muscle. Photographers caught a memorable scene of wide-eyed hero worship.

Boxer of Using Gifts to Win Affections

Chicago, April 2.—Joe ouis, world heavyweight champion, was sued for $500,000 today for allegedly alienating the affections of a Negro minister's wife. Sat. 4-3-48

The suit was filed in Superior Court by attorneys for the Rev. Matthew Faulkner, 32, Atlanta. It charged that Louis last November, December, and January "wilfully destroyed and alienated from the plaintiff the affections of his wife, Mattie Carie Faulkner."

Associated Press Wirephoto.
MRS. MATTIE FAULKNER
Named in minister's suit.

Mrs. Faulkner, 26, is a professional model. The suit described her as a "beautiful woman."

It said that Louis, "through his agent and representative, furnished Mrs. Faulkner with $15,000 and other gifts, making a total of approximately $35,000."

Minister Served In Army.

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The suit charged that "the illicit affair was carried on while the Rev. Faulkner was in the Army serving as a captain in the Chaplain Corps."

It said that the Faulkners were "sincerely in love and happy together until the interference of Louis."

They were married September 28, 1941, the suit said, and have "two fine children" who are "devoted" to Mr. Faulkner.

Mr. Faulkner is a Baptist preacher. He was discharged from the Army March 17. According to Sol Friedman, Mr. Faulkner's attorney, the couple separated last December when Mrs. Faulkner left their Park Avenue apartment in New York.

Children With Mother.

Mr. Faulkner filed a separate-maintenance suit in New York, but then had it dismissed. He now is living with his family in Atlanta. The children, Matthew Kenneth, 4, and Oran Drake, 2, are with their mother in New York.

Mr. Faulkner's suit said he is supporting his wife and children "to the best of his ability," but charges that "he has been deprived of their comfort and companionship because of Louis' acts."

Louis now is abroad on an exhibition tour. His wife, the former Marva Trotter, of Chicago, is with him.

Time

Joe Louis was tagged with a $500,000 alienation-of-affections suit by an out-of-work Baptist clergyman in Chicago. The Rev. Matthew C. Faulkner charged that the champ had pegged $35,000 worth of gifts (including $15,000 in cash) at his wife, **Carolle**, a model, and had broken up the Faulkner home. Said Joe, about to come home from Europe with wife Marva: "No truth in it." Said Carolle, in a Manhattan apartment with her two young (4 and 3) sons: "Not a bit of truth. . . ."

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Joe Louis OK's March to KO Jimcrow

Daily Worker
5-24-48.
New York, N.Y.

Champion Joe Louis yesterday gave full endorsement to the national non-partisan delegation to Washington on June 2 to secure immediate passage of civil rights legislation. Mon.

Taking time out from his training for the Walcott fight the champion told Paul Robeson, one of the sponsors of the delegation, who was Louis' guest at Pampton Lakes: "We have been trying to get the anti-poll tax, anti-lynching and FEPC bills through Congress a long time. This delegation will help support it."

Louis stated that he regretted that he could not go along on the delegation because of the coming title match. 5-24-48

It was announced at the delegation's headquarters, 57 W. 125 St., that representatives are expected from trade unions and organizations in more than 30 states to go to Washington on June 2.

A special trail wilfl leave New York at 7 a.m. (DST), June 2 from Pennsylvania station. Particulars on arrangements can be obtained by telephoning the delegation headquarters, Sacramento 2-8807.

Yes, Joe Will Retire—Unless He Loses Title!

Daily Worker

Pride is strong in the heart of Joe Louis and he left the impression yesterday he'll never retire unless he takes the heavyweight title with him. 47 d New York, N.Y.

He speaks of quitting June "win, lose or draw" with Jersey Joe Walcott but contracts for a third Louis-Walcott fight, stipulating Louis can have it if he loses on June 23, already are in the vault at the 20th Century Sporting Club. Fri. 4-16-48

Louis, however, seems to think that third contract is a huge joke.

"I'll catch him next time," he said. **"I'll be in shape and I'll catch him."** Fri. 4-16-48

In that event, there'll be no need for a third meeting and perhaps then Louis actually will retire.

But if he loses, it's almost a sure bet Louis will come back for more. Joe may not be an ardent admirer of Gene Tunney but one thing that does capture his imagination is the fact that Tunney quit while he was still champion.

The ceremonies at the signing for second fight may come out nice and pretty in the newsreels but it wasn't as simple as that.

The Worker

The legal wrangling bored the champ and he didn't loosen up until after the last of the movie boys had said "that's enough for now." New York, N.Y.

"I'm off for Bloomingdale, Mich., to start work," he said. Fri.

"When you coming back?" 4-16-48

"May 18," Joe said. "I'll start boxin' May 20, takin' on all comers." Then he laughed. **"But nothing but newspapermen the first day."**

Tom Meany:

Zale, Louis Have Much in Common

PM New York, N.Y.

During the years, the Golden Gloves have produced entertainment for hundreds of thousands of boxing fans and added thousands to the circulation figures of the *Daily News* and Chicago *Tribune*. They also have caused many aspiring boxers to hear trolley bells long before their time. And they have produced some exceptionally fine fighters, two of whom are currently in the news. It isn't generally known, but Joe Louis, the heavyweight champion, and Tony Zale, the ex-middleweight champion, were classmates of the same Golden Gloves era, '31-'32. Sun.

There is a similarity between Louis and Zale outside of the ring. Both carry themselves with dignity and live in what amounts to monastic privacy, as privacy is judged in pugilistic circles.

Zale will make a stab, and a most thorough-going stab, be assured, at regaining his title against Rocky Graziano Wednesday night at Ruppert Stadium in Newark. Two weeks later Louis will attempt to restore the polish to his tarnished crown at Yankee Stadium against Jersey Joe Walcott, a venerable boxer who humiliated Louis no end last December. 6-6-48

Zale's Job Harder

Of the two, Zale has by far the more difficult task. He is meeting an opponent seven years younger and one who throws punches like a juvenile delinquent would throw rocks. Walcott is at least the same age as Louis (34) and is not exactly a menacing fighter. He fights like a hit-and-run driver. Sun.

Of the four men involved in these fights, the lawless Graziano is by far the most interesting character. The new middleweight champion, who needs special pugilistic dispensations to ply his trade in public, thinks of nothing but fighting. He'd like to attend, or better still, to appear in, a fight every night in the week. Rocky is strictly a thrower, as they would say in baseball, who has no more idea of finesse than he has of early Pompeian ceramics. 6-6-48

Zale Highly Confident

After I saw Graziano come off the mat at the Chicago Stadium to belt out Zale and win the title, I thought the two shouldn't be matched again, that Rocky would murder Zale in a third bout. Now I'm not so sure. Zale looks in superb condition and has such a tremendous confidence in his ability that you hesitate to pick against him. On the other hand, Rocky is as careless of his training as he probably was of his homework when he made a pass at going to school.

Punches Lacked Steam

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Still, you can't laugh off the seven-year pull in their ages, nor the fact that Graziano will certainly hit Zale. His furious onslaught was good enough to put Zale on the canvas when they met for the first in New York in '46, good enough to knock him out when they fought last July. New York, N.Y.

Louis poses a more intricate problem. It is a question of whether Joe has lost the zing to his punches. Usually, a fighter's legs go bad on him long before his punch. Jack Dempsey still could flatten humpty-dumpties 14 years after he lost the title to Gene Tunney. Athletes like Walter Johnson could still throw and Ty Cobb could still hit when they were all through. It was legs which put them all on the shelf. Sun.

Louis' legs were good enough to enable him to corner Walcott several times when they fought in December but Joe didn't have the steam behind his blows to flatten Walcott as he flattened so many.

As for Walcott, he isn't going to get any better and he might possibly be a little slower. Jersey Joe is not a top-drawer fighter but he was good enough to make Louis look like a second-rater in the Garden. If he does it again at Yankee Stadium, even the officials will have to admit that he's entitled to the crown. 6-6-48

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Bomber Still Is Champion

47d (gen) The Courier-Journal

Joe Louis Wins Without Punch In Cafe 'Bout'

Louisville, Ky. Sat. 2-14-48

New York, Feb. 13 (AP)—Heavyweight champion Joe Louis easily retained his title early today in a night club encounter with a 50-year-old Irishman whose pugnacity was unquestioned but whose aim was poor.

The only swing was taken by Thomas Delaney. He landed on the floor. Witnesses said the only contribution Louis made to this result was some fancy footwork in ducking the punch.

The champion was leaving the Ebony Club, Broadway night spot, with friends, when Delaney stepped up.

"So you're Joe Louis," the Irishman said. "Well, I'm going to beat Walcott to the title. I'm going to become the first Irish heavyweight champion of the world." Louisville, Ky.

Louis hurried out of the club and murmured something about "foolish fellow" as he stepped into his car. Sat. 2-14-48

Police took the 6-foot, 200-pound Delaney to a precinct station, advised him Friday the 13th was the wrong day to challenge Louis, and released him. The Courier-Journal

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Louis Has Held Heavy Title Longest

Post New York, N.Y. 47d (gen)

Joe Louis' reign as heavyweight boxing champion of the world yesterday became the longest in history. Thurs.

John L. Sullivan, who previously held the title longer than any other man, became the champ when he stopped Paddy Ryan at Mississippi City, Miss., Feb. 7, 1882, and ruled for 10 years and 212 days until he was knocked out by Jim Corbett at New Orleans, Sept. 7, 1892.

Louis won the crown when he knocked out Jim Braddock at Chicago, June 22, 1937—10 years and 214 days ago. 1-22-48

Joe Louis Hints He May Back Henry Wallace for President

47d (gen) Daily Worker

New York, N.Y. Fri. 2-20-48

HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION JOE LOUIS hinted yesterday as he left for England he might support Henry A. Wallace's Presidential candidacy and indicated he might go into politics himself when his fighting days are over. Louis left on the Cunard White Star liner Queen Mary for a 26-day boxing exhibition trip to England.

Asked about his recent appearance at a New York rally at which Wallace was the principal speaker, Louis said:

"It was a very fine meeting and Mr. Wallace said a lot of good things. Mr. Wallace made a wonderful speech and I liked it very much."

Asked whether he would support Wallace, Louis said:

"I'll have to think about a third party." Fri. 2-20-48

Louis was asked if he intended to go into politics after he quits fighting. Daily Worker

"Everybody eventually goes into politics," he said.

Did he intend to run for office?

"Well, I don't know about that now," Louis said. New York, N.Y.

The champion said he was taking with him letters of introduction to three Oxford professors who were interested, as he is, in cancer research. 2-20-48

Reminded that Bernard Shaw recently had expressed a desire to meet him, Louis said: Fri. 2-20-48

"I'd love to meet Bernard Shaw. I've read a lot about him and I admire him very much but I guess he's pretty busy."

Fri. LOUIS 2-20-48

HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION AND A FAN

The Times New York, N.Y. Sat. 1-24-48

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1-24-48 Sat.

Six-year-old Bobby McElroy feeling the right arm muscle of Joe Louis before the titleholder stepped into a Chicago ring for his first workout since he defended his crown against Jersey Joe Walcott.

The Times New York, N.Y. Sat. 1-24-48

Associated Press Wirephoto

Rule 13: 'Don't Forget to Duck,' Impresses Louis in Chicago Gym

The Times New York, N.Y. Sat. 1-24-48

Champion, Training for Exhibition Contest, Says He Has Quit Golf, Will Concentrate on Being at Peak for Walcott in June

47d (gen) 1-24-48

CHICAGO, Jan. 23 (AP)—Heavyweight champion Joe Louis today vowed to spurn his "distracting" hobby of golf until after he tees off on Jersey Joe Walcott in their expected return match in New York next June. Sat. 1-24-48

Louis, opening training for a four-round exhibition here against hard-punching Bob Foxworth of East St. Louis, Ill., next Thursday, greeted reporters with an easy nonchalance at Eddie Nichols' gymnasium, a picturesque basement training quarters, but his eyes narrowed as he drawled:

"From now on I'm gonna try to hit somebody, like I didn't hit Walcott last December."

Louis said he weighed between 220 and 225 pounds and that he planned to face Foxworth at 220.

On the subject of weights, he made it plain that—if he meets Walcott again—it won't be at 211 pounds, his famed "dried-out" weight when he took his much-disputed decision over Jersey Joe.

One Change In Plans

The Times

"I'll go against him at exactly 214 and that's the only change I'll make in my plans," Louis said. "I'm gonna be much stronger next time and I'll be able to catch him. That means no more golf for me until around July first. Golf is out

and maybe that'll make a difference. New York N.Y.

"Course I'm not saying that my next fight definitely will be against Walcott. He hasn't signed for the fight and you got to remember that Gus Lesnevich still is in there for consideration. Couple more knockouts and I gotta fight him and he'll deserve it."

Was Louis anxious to get another crack at the man who nearly staged one of the ring's biggest upsets? Sat. 1-24-48

"I wouldn't feel bad if I didn't fight him," solemnly said Louis.

Louis, donning gloves and boxing togs for the first time since the Walcott fight, seemed a little off in timing when he punched the bag before a packed house in the tiny gym.

Doesn't Forget Friend

The gym with one entrance down a rickety stairway and another through a laundryette, has been visited frequently by Louis in the past ten years in deference to his friend, Eddie Nichols, the proprietor. The Times

Louis dressed in a cramped cubicle, rubbing elbows with unknown amateur fighters, and then walked across an ancient wooden floor that sagged under his every step.

He shadow-boxed around a ring, beside which was proprietor Nichols' "house constitution." The placard led off with "please read my strict rules" and listed sixteen regulations. New York, N.Y.

The thirteenth was this: "Rule 13, please don't forget Rule 13, don't forget to duck." 1-24-48

Golden Gloves Graduate

In Foxworth, Louis will meet a Golden Gloves' graduate widely heralded for his knockout punch. Even with the pillowy 16-ounce gloves to be used next Thursday, there may be plenty of action. At least Joe thinks so.

"If he don't duck, and I don't duck, both of us is gonna get hurt," he grinned, after reading the house rules. Sat.

Joe will box two rounds with Richard Hagen, Chicago heavyweight, tomorrow and thereafter will get in a couple of rounds daily until the exhibition. 1-24-48

Because he didn't box today, Joe passed around ice cream to a horde of youngsters who had expected to see him in action.

Louis has another exhibition scheduled at Baltimore Feb. 9 and then will leave for a British Government-sponsored appearance in England, Feb. 19.

LOUIS FIGHT HERE IN JUNE CONFIRMED

The Times 47d (gen)

Walcott Probable Challenger, Strauss Says, but Jerseyite Still Balks at 20% Cut

New York, N.Y. Wed. 1-7-48

By JAMES P. DAWSON

Sol Strauss, directing the Twentieth Century Sporting Club in the absence of the ailing Promoter Mike Jacobs, yesterday announced definitely that Joe Louis would defend his world heavyweight title under the auspices of his club, preferably at the Yankee Stadium or Polo Grounds in June and probably against Jersey Joe Walcott.

The announcement followed Strauss' meeting with Louis, Marshall Miles, Joe's manager of record, and Truman Gibson, Chicago attorney who has been an adviser of the champion since his Army days. 1-7-48

It followed Strauss' recent visit with Jacobs in Miami after bids for a Louis-Walcott fight had been made in Philadelphia and Chicago. Strauss said he expected his announcement to stifle the efforts of "mysterious" influences seeking to create a breach between himself and the proposed fight principals.

Following his visit with the champion, Strauss said:

"I can authoritatively say that Joe Louis will defend his title for the Twentieth Century Sporting Club in June, preferably at a New York baseball park, subject to adjustment of certain details which are now being resolved. His opponent will be Jersey Joe Walcott if I can come to terms with his handlers, and I believe I shall. I have offered Walcott, as challenger, 20 per cent and his handlers know I am powerless to offer a higher percentage."

"Package" Contract Rejected

The Times

Strauss explained separate contracts for Louis on radio and television income remained to be adjusted before the champion could sign. Strauss pointed out Louis had rejected a "package" arrangement on the fight, pictures, radio and television, making separate agreements necessary. He added, however, the matter would be arranged easily, and, as an afterthought, stressed that his meeting with Louis had been amicable. New York, N.Y.

In sum, the announcement confirmed the declaration of Louis in the wake of his Madison Square Garden bout with Walcott that he would fight the Jerseyite a return bout in June and then retire. Since he is under exclusive contract to Twentieth Century, Louis had no alternative. Wed. 1-7-48

Although Strauss didn't say so, it is taken for granted the champion will sign a similarly binding contract beyond the June bout, against the possibility he reconsiders his plan to retire if victorious over Walcott in a return engagement. Walcott, too, will be compelled to sign a contract giving to Twentieth Century exclusive call on his services if he wins the championship.

Strauss' announcement was made to discourage indiscriminate bidding for a heavyweight title bout, field effectually closed since Louis went under the banner of Promoter Jacobs. Louis' contracts will be prepared for his signature before he sails Feb. 19 for a two-month tour of England.

Fight Movies Popular

Indicating the tremendous interest in the movies of the Louis-Walcott fight, Strauss estimated Louis' income from the bout, including purse, movies, radio and television, would gross $300,000.

The Times

Olle Tandberg, Swedish heavyweight, completed hard training yesterday for his ten-round bout with Joey Maxim of Cleveland Friday night at the Garden. Tandberg floored Jimmy Lake with a right to the jaw in the final round of a three-round drill at Greenwood Lake, N. Y., rounding out eighty rounds of sparring for his American professional debut. Maxim went through a spirited drill at Stillman's Gymnasium here, featuring three rounds against Sandy McPherson. It was uncertain whether he would spar today, when he will conclude training.

New York, N.Y.

With the posting of a $500 entry bond, Enrico Bertola, Italian heavyweight champion, yesterday obtained his release from Ellis Island in time to proceed to Chicago where he plans to launch an American ring campaign. Bertola was detained following his arrival last Sunday at LaGuardia Field on an Air France plane. 1-7-48

Walcott Spokesman Rebels

The Times New York, N.Y.

CAMDEN, N. J., Jan. 6 (UP)—Felix Bocchicchio, Camden promoter who has exclusive call on Jersey Joe Walcott's services, said tonight he would not consider 20 per cent of the gross gate for his fighter to meet Joe Louis in New York next June. 472 (gen)

Regarding a statement attributed to Sol Strauss that the New York promoter had sent go-betweens to the "Walcott crowd," Bocchicchio said: "nobody talked to me, Joe Webster (Walcott's manager), or Walcott. We're open to the best proposition, but under no condition will we agree to 20 per cent in New York." 1-7-48

Bocchicchio said he had talked twice in the past three days with Herman Taylor, Philadelphia promoter, about a Louis-Walcott match in Philadelphia next June and was "waiting on Taylor." Bocchicchio explained that Louis had conferred with him and Taylor last Saturday and had promised to reply Jan. 16 to an offer Taylor had made. Wed.

The Camden promoter said he would like to see the Louis-Walcott bout staged in Philadelphia. "I think such a fight would draw more money in Philadelphia because the Democratic and Republican party conventions will be held there next summer," he said.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS has apologized for a reference to Joe Louis' mother as "mammy." The term was used in an AP story about Joe's mother, Mrs. Lily Brooks, listening to the Walcott fight. A protest by an officer of the NAACP was answered with an apology by Ted R. Smits, AP's general sports editor, who wrote, **"You are correct, of course, in saying that we should not have referred to Joe Louis' mother as his 'mammy.' . . . I am chagrined."** . . . 1-13-48 472 (gen)

Mrs. Brooks, by the way, is a heavyweight fighter in her own right where the interests of the Negro people are concerned. The daughter of an Alabama slave, she took her family to Detroit, trying to get them a better break in life. Last year, despite her advanced age, she mounted a platform on a Detroit street corner to speak for the rights of Negroes to occupy the Sojourner Truth project. She has been on many picket lines protesting the shame of Jimcrow housing in that city. Daily Worker New York, N.Y.

She has a mother's wisdom where her famous son is concerned. Asked about her reaction to the broadcast of the Walcott fight, she said, **"Well, I know he has to be beaten some time, and I thought this must be the time."** When I interviewed her in Detroit some years back before the Louis-Pastor fight there, she commented this way on a nasty cartoon in a Detroit paper depicting Joe as lazily dozing under a tree. **"Now, how,"** she said with a smile, **"could anyone be lazy and get to be the best in the world at what he sets out to be!"** 1-13-48 Tues

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HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION SIGNING TO DEFEND HIS TITLE

The Times New York, N.Y. Fri. 1-9-48

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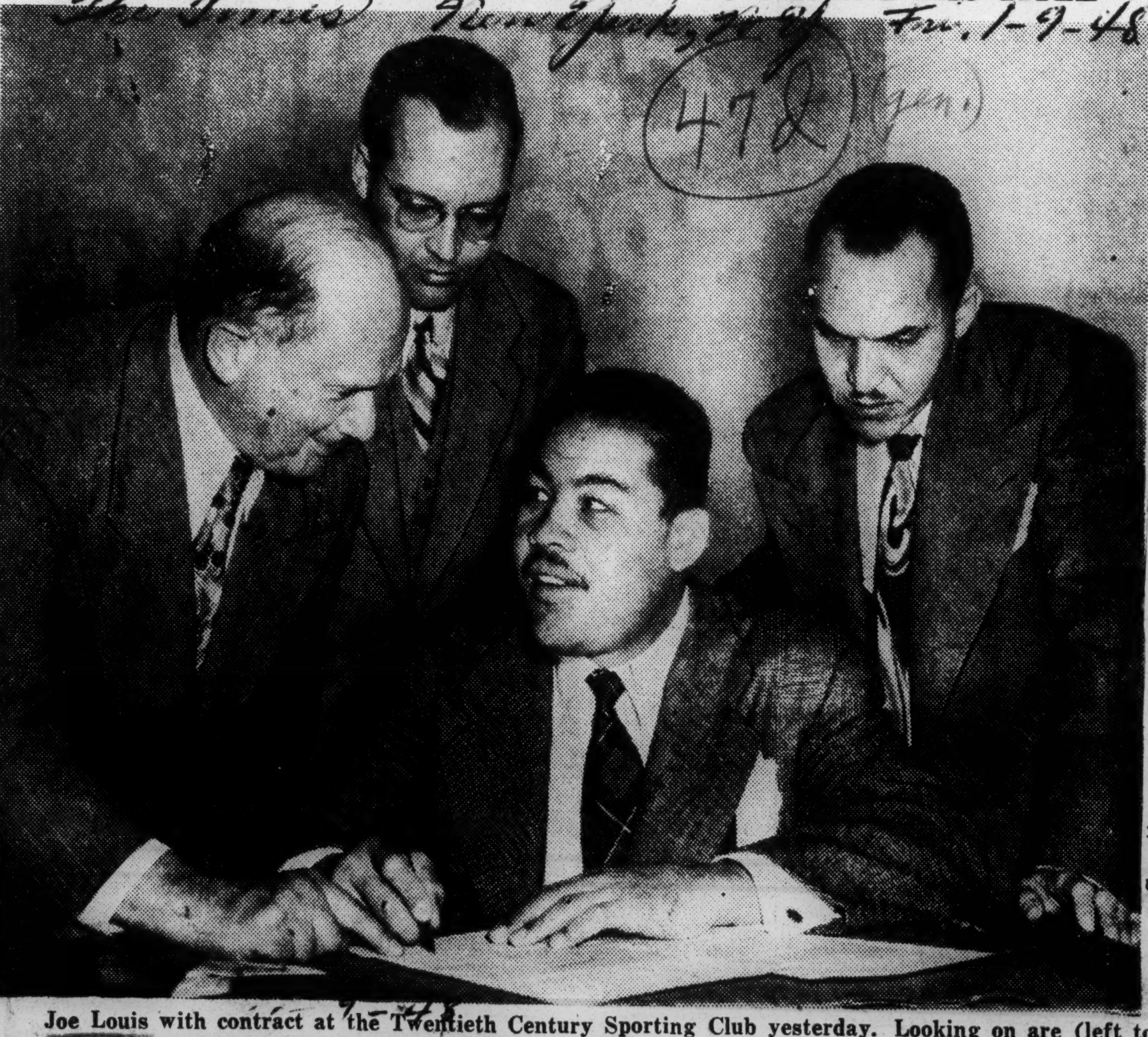

Joe Louis with contract at the Twentieth Century Sporting Club yesterday. Looking on are (left to right) Sol Strauss, promoter; Truman Gibson, the champion's attorney, and Marshall Miles, fighter's manager. The Times New York, N.Y. Fri. 1-9-48

The New York Times

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WALCOTT IS SOUGHT FOR STADIUM FIGHT

Louis Accepts 40 Per Cent of Net Gate for Title Defense —June 23 Likely Date

SINGLE BOUT STIPULATED

The Times New York, N.Y.

Movie, Radio and Television Rights Will Go to Highest Bidders for First Time

Fri. 1-9-48

By JOSEPH C. NICHOLS

Joe Louis signed yesterday for what the Brown Bomber still insisted would be his last fight. After a lengthy session in which he and his representatives conferred with Sol Strauss, acting director of the Twentieth Century Sporting Club, Louis agreed to terms calling for him to risk his heavyweight championship of the world in New York next June.

No opponent was named in the contract, nor was an actual site or date decided. The agreement calls for the champion to fight between June 18 and June 28 at the Yankee Stadium or Polo Grounds. With the Yankees scheduled for road baseball games during that period, the assumption is that the Stadium will be the site, while unofficial statements indicate that June 23 will be the actual date.

Although the space on the contract naming Louis' rival was empty, there was little conjecture regarding the identity of the challenger. Almost all detached observers leaned toward Joe Walcott, the veteran who was so close to dethroning Louis last month.

Manager Accompanies Louis

The Times

Louis was accompanied at the signing by his manager, Marshall Miles, and by Truman Gibson, an attorney. Sitting in with Strauss, who is a lawyer himself, was Benjamin Milmer of the law firm of Simpson, Thacher and Bartlett, which handles the legal work for the Madison Square Garden Corporation. The Garden corporation is allied with Twentieth Century in the promotion of boxing. N.Y.

The contract to which Louis affixed his signature called for one fight only. When that was made known, the champion was asked if he'd change his mind and fight again. To that Joe replied, "I said June would be my last." 1-9-48

Louis will receive 40 per cent of the net gate, as well as 40 per cent of the moving picture, radio and television rights. Those "rights," formerly secondary accompaniments to a major sports promotion, have been expanding in value and will be offered for sale to the highest bidder for the first time in the history of Twentieth Century.

Louis will leave for Detroit this morning to visit his mother. He had planned to see tonight's heavyweight clash between Olle Tandberg and Joe Maxim at the Garden but changed his intentions when he learned that his mother was ill.

West Baden Training Site

Strauss is confronted with the task of talking Walcott into terms for the fight. He will confer with the Camden fighter and his representatives, Felix Bocchicchio and Joe Webster, in Newark within the next ten days. New York, N.Y.

Courier-Journal
Louisville, Ky.

Louis Suggests Elim Card To Settle Championship

New York, June 28 (AP)—Joe Louis today called himself "an ex-boxer," suggested an elimination tournament to determine his successor, and declared he would make known his political stand after the democratic convention.

"But I definitely won't be for Wallace or any third party," the retired, undefeated heavyweight champion of the world added. Louis also denied reports he planned to run for Congress.

The champ, Manager Marshall Miles, and several other members of the Louis party, visited the offices of the 20th Century Sporting Club to talk to promoter Mike Jacobs and his stand-in Sol Strauss.

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In good spirits and looking very fit despite a slightly discolored left eye and a lump high on his left cheek, the champ joked with reporters and reiterated his decision to quit the ring.

Asked whether he still considered himself champion, Louis replied promptly "I don't consider myself a boxer any more."

PRECEDENT

A reporter pointed out to Louis that Jim Jeffries had named two fighters to meet for the championship when he retired as heavyweight king in 1905 and asked him if he felt he should do the same.

"No," he said slowly. "I don't think the winner of a Jersey Joe Walcott-Gus Lesnevich fight should be named champion. An elimination tourney is the only way to do it. I think they ought to take the ten top rated fighters and have them fight it out."

Louis didn't mention any other names. The only other fighter talked about at the press interview was Ezzard Charles, the No. 1 contender for Lesnevich's 175-pound crown. 6-29-48

INTERVIEW

Just as the interview was ending and Louis was about to get up from his chair, Strauss hurried in, pointing at Louis and said: "You're still the champ."

Sol said he wasn't considering any elimination tourney. "Who else is there besides Walcott, Lesnevich and Charles? Name them, go ahead and name them."

There was no loud response so Strauss continued. He said he to get a couple of fights 'out of' the three battlers. It could very well be Walcott against Lesnevich in September with the winner fighting Charles, or Charles against one of the others first.

Louis apologized for the poor fight up until the 11th but explained "I made up my mind to fight my fight and I wasn't going to change for anyone. I felt I had Walcott when I started reaching him good with my left in the ninth. I knew in the ninth I was going to get him soon."

Walcott showed up about two hours after Louis left and said he disagreed with the champion about a tourney.

ANY TIME

"I'll fight anybody any time," Jersey Joe declared. "I'm sorry Louis retired. I'd like to fight him again, winner take all.

"I honestly think I am the outstanding contender. After all I licked Baksi, Bivins, Ray, Murray, Sheppard and Maxim. I think I ought to fight one man and the winner should be declared champion."

Jersey Joe again blasted referee Frank Fullam.

"If he had left me alone it would have been a better fight. Louis had his plans and I had mine."

Walcott said he planned to go away for about two weeks. When he returns he'll pick up his check of about $150,000 for his share of the gate and radio-television. Louis will net about $300,000.

Courier-Journal

Title Fight Sought

Newark, N. J., June 28 (AP)—The first salvo in the battle of "who's going to be the next heavyweight champion of the world now that Joe Louis has retired," was fired today.

Sam Bozza, the gent who promoted the Tami Mauriello-Freddie Schott, Freddie Archer-Charlie Fusari and Snow Flakes-Pat Comiskey fights here, wants a battle between Melio Bettina and Ezzard Charles, and he wired Jake Mintz, the latter's manager, of such intentions today.

Bozza wired Mintz that he would guarantee $12,500 to Charles, who was named by Louis as one of the logical contenders for his vacant throne. The fight to be held in Ruppert Stadium, scene of the recent Rocky Graziano-Tony Zale middleweight title affair.

Bettina now is managed by Vic Marsillo, who took over Jersey Joe Walcott back in 1944, and handled him until he became a contender for the heavyweight throne.

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Woodcock Bids

London, June 28 (AP)—Bruce Woodcock, British heavyweight champion, wants a say in any series that may be arranged to provide a successor to Joe Louis.

Bruce, who hasn't fought since he was stopped by Joe Baksi of Kulpmont, Pa., over a year ago, put in his bid through Manager Tom Hurst.

Hurst said Woodcock is back in training for a September fight. He is now just below 210 pounds and expects to weigh 196 for his September battle with an unnamed opponent.

"The time has come to break the American monopoly on the heavyweight title," said Hurst. "They're talking about matching Jersey Joe Walcott with Gus Lesnevich. Have they forgotten Bruce has knocked out Lesnevich?"

Promoter Jack Solomons is due at Southampton tomorrow on the Queen Mary with Lesnevich, who will fight Freddie Mills for the light heavyweight championship July 26. Hurst and Woodcock plan to see Solomons to discuss a September opponent for the British champion.

Woodcock's jaw was broken in the Baksi fight and he also suffered an eye injury in the same fight. He underwent treatment for the eye injury at a Leeds infirmary but recently informed the British Boxing Control Board that he was "fit and ready" to fight again.

Good Grist For Other Mills

Daily World Atlanta Ga.

Joe Louis not only thrilled thousands of Americans on the night of June 25 when he won a knockout victory over Jersey Walcott, but he brought a great relief to many other thousands when he made good his promise to his mother that he would retire from the ring.

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What a noble example he sat in the boxing ring? What a great fighter and gentleman he has been throughout his career. And now comes the greatest example of all-his determination to retire gracefully from the ring at the age of 34 without force or without threats of losing his Crown to another! That is a noble example that all of us can well afford to emulate. Sat. 7-10-48

Think of the great number of college presidents who struggled ardously and brilliantly to build great institutions, which would remain as monuments to their memories only to doggedly hold on to them refusing to give up the mantle of leadership until they have succeeded in killing the very thing they made great. Think of the Sunday school Superintendents, school principals, members of church choirs, head of business institutions, who would otherwise go down as great leaders if they had the courage to give up before they are forced out because of age and inefficiency.

We simply wish other Americans would follow the Louis example. It is the hardest thing to persuade a minister to quit while the going is good for him. The same is true of so many leaders in all the walks of life. Yet, that one act alone would greatly enhance their value to society and their appreciation by the people with whom he has worked. We never think of retirement but that we immediately think of the late Dean Holgate of Northwestern University, whose name is almost synomous with that of the school itself. He began his career as a professor there. He was later elevated to Deanship. And after some years, was named the President. While still very able and useful, Dr. Holgate gave up the presidency on his own volition, asking that the trustees select a younger man and permit him to retain a minor position on the staff. This greatly endeared him to the alumni, faculty, students and the trustees. And to this day, his name is hallowed in the learned halls of Northwestern University. Similarly, we know a Methodist minister who pastored in the South Carolina Conference, who refused to wait until his time of retirement came, he voluntarily gave up. Daily World, Atlanta Ga. Sat 7-10-48

Joe Louis is relatively a very young man. He can get about some other pursuit in life, if he cares to, or he can just sit back and take life easy. But knowing him as we do, it is to be doubted that he will wish to take it easy. But this we know, he will remain out of the ring. And as he goes he carries with him the highest respect and admiration of the American people.

Louis Gives Boxing Lesson To Comiskey

The Post
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Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis was held to "no decision" last night, but put on a fine display of boxing in the second Griffith Stadium appearance of his career. Wed. 7-21-48

A crowd of 9788 turned out, paying a gross $25,970.43, net $19,344.52.

Seven years after he took the measure of Buddy Baer at the ball park, the Brown Bomber went six exhibition rounds with Pat Comiskey, 215½, and showed he has a lot of the old steam left.

Louis, at 216, two pounds heavier than when he last defended his title against Jersey Joe Walcott, traded punches freely with his husky foe from Paterson, N. J.

Wash. D.C.

Both lost their tempers a little in the fourth round when a small welt began to show under the champ's left eye, and they flailed away with their 16-ounce pillows.

Louis' stabbing left, even when he pulled his punches, seemed capable of setting Comiskey on his pants. He kept his right sheathed for the most part, but the few times he used it even "softly," Comiskey was jarred.

The program opened with a scorcher in which Gene Harley, 148½, took a unanimous four-round decision over Miles Jones, 145. Another all-local tiff went to 154-pound Garland Edwards with a decision ove Holly Mims, 151.

Joe Louis, Retired Dictator of Ring, Takes Final Bow from Hotel Balcony

Afro American Sat 7-3-48

Baltimore Md.

By JAMES L. HICKS

HOTEL THERESA, New York — Joe Walcott could run but he couldn't hide, so Joe Louis caught up with him in the eleventh round at Yankee Stadium here last Friday night and set off one of the biggest demonstrations this place called Harlem has ever known.

As I write here on the second floor lounge of the Hotel Theresa, Joe is at the moment scoring one of the greatest triumphs of his career — a triumph greater than his devastating disposal of Walcott just an hour ago.

At the present time Louis is standing on the hotel balcony, waving with dignity to one of the maddest demonstrations of worship any champion in any sport has ever known.

More Than 3,000

Below Louis on Seventh Avenue, are the people who knew he would beat Walcott. Police estimate that there are more than three thousand persons in the immediate front of the hotel — jamming the sidewalks, overflowing into the street, clinging to the traffic island in the middle of the street and forming a solid wall on the sidewalk across Seventh Avenue, from 124th to 125th Street.

Joe arrived a few minutes ago flanked by a cordon of New York's finest. He made his way through the crowd and up to his room on the eighth floor. The police immediately posted a guard on the door. When the AFRO's Douglas Hall and I arrived after chasing the champ from the stadium, a cop on the door said he was sorry but the place was already overcrowded and we couldn't get in.

Sat 7-3-48

Out came our press cards and in we went only to find that service on the Theresa's temperamental elevators was at a standstill. The stairway was not crowded, however, so up we went on an eight-flight climb, only to learn that Joe had yielded and gone out to meet his public.

They Knew He'd Come

Somehow you get the idea that this was the only place for Joe to come — somehow you began to feel that this crowd knew he would come on up to Harlem. It wasn't announced that he'd be here — less than ten people in the crowd actually know where Joe's uptown apartment is — and yet as soon as the fight was over the huge crowd began to gather here and wait for Joe.

It's as if there had been a prearranged pact between Joe and the crowd. They knew he'd come —no one could explain how they knew but they knew and that's one of the things that has made him great.

Joe has disappeared now. The police, by a series of in this door and out this one, have gotten him out of here without even letting newsmen know where he has gone. Photographers are still running the stairs and half-clad people are walking around the halls declaring that "he's on this floor—I just saw him!"

Louis's magnetism is so great that although cameramen and reporters know that the people are lying, each new report sends them scurrying to that floor, hoping to get one more shot, one more quote, from the champion.

Hot But Happy

It's hot here in Harlem and the huge crowd around the Theresa are a wilted, motley, but happy throng.

Sat 7-3-48

Many of them would like to go to bed but have not the slightest idea where they will sleep tonight although it's long past midnight. Still others have no intention of sleeping and would have no place to sleep if they were so inclined.

With two postponements of the fight many of the large crowd which descended upon this city last Monday have already gone home — but where some left, others came, so that Walter Scott, serving his last days as manager of the hotel, says he is actually in worse shape at the end of the fight than he was at its beginning because when the fight was postponed, many people who had engaged a room for one night demanded permission to keep the room another day, thereby occupying space already reserved for the week-end crowd which always invades this city on Friday nights.

Joe Louis's Retirement Marks End of Great Era

The Afro-American
Baltimore, Md

Many of World's Noted Figures Rose to Power During Eleven Years He Reigned

Sat 7-10-48

The doves of peace are searching for a ray of light in which to land in a darkened world. Against this background let us review briefly the career of Joe Louis, who announced his retirement from the ring, bringing to a close what has been aptly called "The Joe Louis Era." The saga of a fighting man has been significant as an era of strife and war. Fourteen years of battles against depression, against Fascism, against prejudice and bigotry. There was no peace.

As a reporter I have watched this panorama unfold, I have watched social changes take place, dictators rise and fall, nations die and others born—and against it all the stalking figure of Joe Louis has pounded his way across the world stage.

One never realizes how long fourteen years can be until we start measuring the life of the individual against the panorama of events which have taken place.

When Joe first began to cast his shadow across the American Continent, the spirit of our people was pretty low; low because the spirit of all America and the world was low. 7-10-48

Still evident were the ugly scars of the depression. Franklin Roosevelt was just beginning to evolve what was to develop into a new economic approach to life; we were just beginning to catch the deeper meaning of the theory that government was to solve the problems of the people and create for them a more bountiful life instead of merely being an expensive appendage of society, a superstructure of rules and regulations which bound together the seams of our heterogeneous society. Sat

People began to look upon government as their servant, not their master. Against this background Joe Louis began to rise, giving us an emotional outlet and a rallying point. Under his pounding fists the idea of white supremacy and white invincibility began to crumble just like the idea that government was for the rich, administered only for their benefit at the expense of the poor.

My first personal contact with Joe came at Lakewood, N.J., where he was preparing for his first battle with Max Schmeling. Already he was a hero, and the match was looked upon as just another inconsequential exhibition. And then it came like a shock. Joe Louis was knocked out, and a gloom descended over Harlem deeper and blacker than the darkest days of the depression.

I spent another summer with Joe at Kenosha, Wis., where he trained for the Jimmy Braddock fight which won him the championship, and the barometer of race pride hit a new high.

Then came the second Schmeling fight, which removed the stigma of defeat; but by now Joe was being placed in eclipse as a more ominous shadow began to creep across the face of the earth. The shadow of Hitler and Naziism.

Joe fought on, but a lot of his battles were anti-climactic as the shadows of war, the thought of men dying by the thousands, of nations falling and kings dethroned dwarfed the fate of one puny man almost into insignificance.

The Afro-American

It became more and more difficult for the race to concentrate on the pugilistic fortunes of Joe Louis while their own sons, brothers, sweethearts and husbands were engaged in a greater battle in which there were no purses, no decisions—only death; and Joe too went into uniform, along with thousands of other young men, in the battle against Fascism. 7-10-48

During these years many figures rose and fell after carving their places for good and for evil in history. Baltimore, Md

Haile Selassie lost and regained his throne, Winston Churchill won and lost the premiership of Great Britain, Hitler became master of Europe, then vanished in mystery; Mussolini swaggered and boasted and died like a swine, Tojo made war on America and was condemned as a war criminal. Sat.

Wendell Willkie had the Presidency almost in his grasp, then died of heartbreak; Franklin Roosevelt revolutionized a nation and died beloved and damned, Mahatma Gandhi was slain by one of his own Nationals after forcing England to grant India's freedom.

The United Nations was born, the allies of World War II are engaged in a cold war, the world dangles on the precipice of an uncertain peace, a new draft is ordered to bring another crop of young men into the mill where youth is ground to make grist for the gods of war, and Joe Louis hangs up his gloves.

Yes, one era is ended, and a new one has begun.

JOE LOUIS

By J. FARLEY RAGLAND

We sing to Joe, who feared no foe,
Who dared the canvas-dust,
When he bestows his famous
blows The Afro-American
'Tis quite a thrill to us.

We all amaze, and proffer praise
To this fond fistic knight,
Contenders all who dared to call,
He bravely stood to fight.
Baltimore, Md
His mystic smile and cryptic style
Laid all oncomers low,
His left and right held dynamite
As all his battles show.
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This lad of stone, stands quite
alone,
There is no peer in sight!
He fought to gain his fistic reign,
This mystic man of might.

Another knight may help us fight,
May to the summits go,
Another champ may scale the
ramp—
But not a champ like JOE.

Joe Louis dropped by the Twentieth Century S. C. offices yesterday and emphatically repeated his retirement announcement. Asked if he would consider himself the heavyweight champion until a new titleholder was crowned, Louis retorted in the negative. "I am an ex-boxer," he declared. Tues. N.Y.

In answer to a report that he planned to run for Congress on the Third party ticket, Louis said "I do not plan to run for Congress on any ticket. Furthermore, I have made no political commitments." Joe is expected to make known his choice following the Democratic convention at Philadelphia. He also said he would not support Mr. Wallace. 6-29-48

In the meantime Louis will take things easy, playing golf, mostly. He is scheduled to leave for French Lick Springs, Ind., on Thursday. The Times

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THE HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION CHECKING OUT

The Times New York N.Y.

Joe Louis receiving check from Mike Jacobs yesterday after having successfully defended his title against Jersey Joe Walcott on Friday. In return, the Brown Bomber, who announced his retirement from the ring, is handing Jacobs a pair of boxing gloves to signify the end of his fistic career. Associated Press

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The Times New York N.Y.

Louis K. O.'s Mag's Report He'll Return

The Courier-Journal

From Wire Dispatches.

Joe Louis, surprised at widespread reports that he might come out of retirement to fight Gus Lesnevich in September, denied emphatically last night that he would ever return to the ring. Louisville, Ky.

The abdicated heavyweight champion declared in Detroit: "This is final, regardless of what anybody says or writes. I'll not fight Lesnevich in September and I won't fight anybody else at any time. I've hung up my gloves for good." Wed.

Louis' comments were in connection with a copyrighted story by Nat Fleischer in the September issue of Ring Magazine. In that article, Fleischer said Louis had indicated his willingness to come back for just one more fight. 7-21-48

Fleischer said Louis indicated that he is weakening in his retirement stand and is willing to come back for just one more fight. First Lesnevich must win decisively over Freddie Mills at London July 26.

"I can't go on from one round of golf to another," Louis is quoted as telling Fleischer, "I have to look forward to something more exciting. Maybe I should meet Lesnevich. I can beat him. I still will be able to retire unbeaten like Gene Tunney."

Lesnevich now is in London, getting ready for his July 26 bout with Mills, a fight he must win to keep alive any chances of a September date with Louis.

Louis will be in Mike Jacobs' office Friday, ostensibly to collect his share of the movie receipts from the second Walcott fight. This is estimated at "about $100,000." Wed.

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The Courier-Journal

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Louisville, Ky.

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Louis' statements came as a bombshell in the boxing world. Many prominent persons had felt certain that Louis would fight Lesnevich at Yankee Stadium in New York on September 22, if Lesnevich defeated Freddie Mills at London Monday night.

Among those certain to be deeply disappointed by the retired champion's vigorous refusal to fight Lesnevich are Mike Jacobs and Sol Strauss of New York's 20th Century Club. Both expressed confidence only last night that Louis would return to the ring for one last defense.

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FOR 'SPORTSMANSHIP AND UPRIGHT LIVING'

Times

New York, N.Y.

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Retired

Joe Louis, heavyweight boxing champion, being sworn in as a special deputy sheriff by Edward Behrendt, Wayne County sheriff, in Detroit yesterday.

Associated Press Wirephoto

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ys Louis 'Confused' Situation

Free Press

Detroit, Mich

Gus Also Predicts Revenge on Mills

NEW YORK— (AP) —Former Light Heavyweight Champion Gus Lesnevich returned to the United States without his title but cheerfully declared himself out for bigger stakes — the heavyweight title. 8-5-48

Lesnevich, who lost his crown and a possible title match with Joe Louis by dropping a 15-round decision to Freddie Mills in England July 26, said he hoped to defeat Mills in their return bout.

"I'm going to stop Mills next time—that's something I've never said before," Lesnevich predicted.

Mills and Lesnevich are to meet for the light-heavyweight title in Ebbets Field Sept. 23.

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LESNEVICH expressed himself as "surprised" and "disappointed" when informed of Louis' apparently final decision to quit the ring for good.

Lesnevich said he hoped Louis could be persuaded to make another title defense in order to make unnecessary what he called a "confusing" tournament. He mentioned Ezzard Charles and Joe Walcott as the leading heavyweight contenders but added: "Charles hasn't shown anything outstanding."

Lesnevich said he would go into training next week somewhere in New Jersey for the next Mills fight.

LOUIS DENIES PLAN TO BOX LESNEVICH

New York Times

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New York, N.Y.

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Joe Louis (Retired)

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Free Press

Uncle Mike Keeps Joe's Head Wagging

Detroit, Mich.

BY LYALL SMITH

Thurs. 7-22-48

JUST IN CASE you've wondered why Joe Louis is forced to reiterate his "retirement" every time he swings a golf club, the answer is the 20th Century Club.

This cozy little group has a suite of rambling offices on the second story of Madison Square Gardens in New York. It is run by Mike Jacobs when he is in good health and by Sol Strauss when Mike is ailing.

Jacobs et. al. have made New York the capitol of fistic affairs chiefly because of the fact that the contract of Joe Louis of Detroit, putting his dynamic-laden fists exclusively at their disposal, was locked away in the 20th Century's strong box.

Louis defended his title 25 times under that contract. Joe amassed more than $3,500,000 as his share of the richest gates the boxing world ever has known. Jacobs et al. didn't suffer, either.

Even when Joe defended his title elsewhere than in New York, Jacobs cut in on the deal. Other fighters also were locked up by 20th Century and it was almost impossible for promoters in other cities to put on a topnotch fight unless Jacobs clicked a "yes" from his store teeth. 7-22-48

Since most of the good fighters were wrapped in 20th Century red tape, there have been few fights of any import outside of New York and professional boxing—with few exceptions—is at low ebb all over the nation.

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Joe Called It Quits

AFTER KNOCKING out Jersey Joe Walcott, Louis announced publicly that he was hanging up his gloves. This statement was accepted in most parts of the fight world except apparently in the 20th Century offices and the offices under their control.

Free Press

Since the Walcott fight and Louis' declaration of retirement there has been an intermittent flood of rumors that he would change his mind and come back to fight just once more.

If these rumors didn't emanate from typewriters in 20th Century offices it's a good bet they came from ones close by.

Detroit, Mich.

All were—and still are—intended to keep Louis under continual pressure to fight again. Strauss already has significantly pointed out that Yankee Stadium is ready and waiting for a Sept. 22 engagement if . . . Louis changes his mind.

The continual release of stories pertaining to Joe's return to action has been hammered into the public's mind so much that some fans already are saying that Louis SHOULD fight Lesnevich and then quit for good. Thurs. 7-22-48

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Promoters Want It

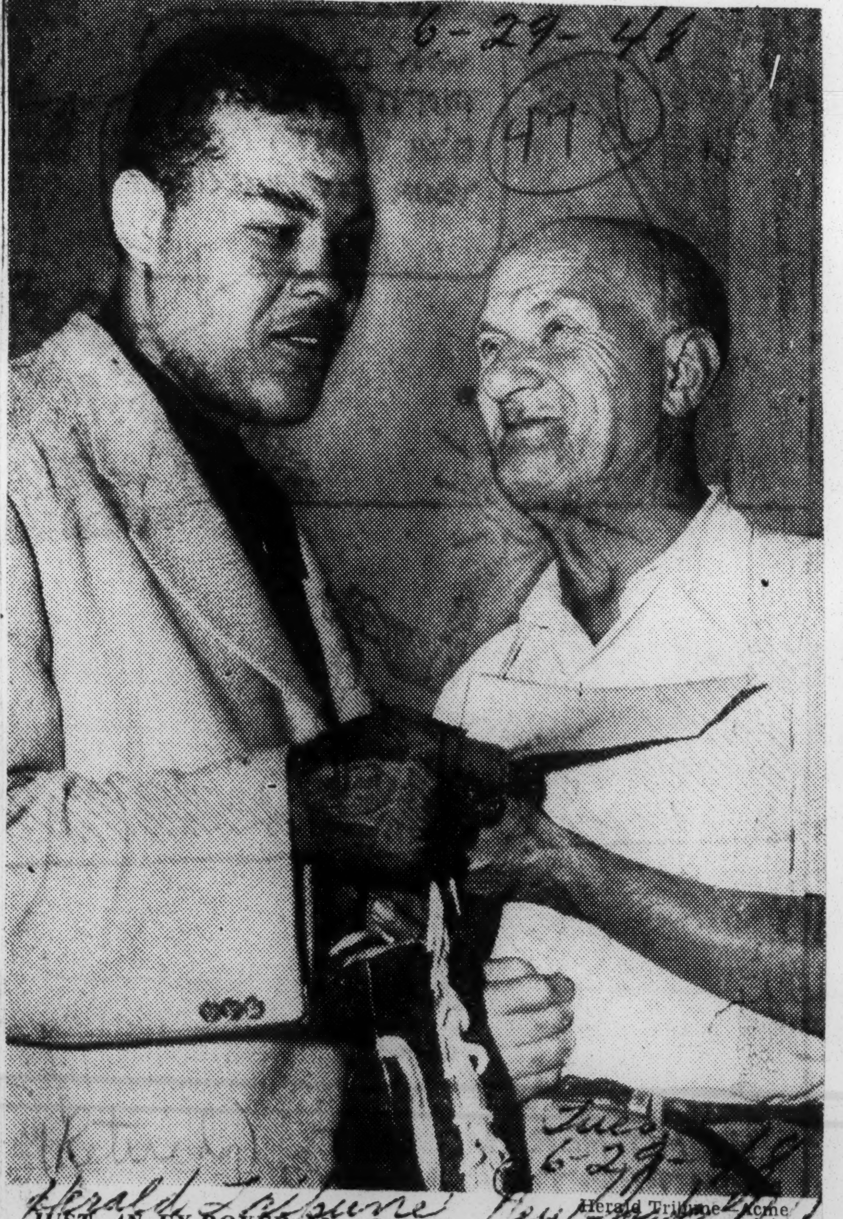
AND THAT'S JUST what the promoters want. If Louis discovers that people want him to fight again and think he is wrong if he doesn't, then he probably could be persuaded to put on his gloves once more.

His statement here 24 hours ago that he definitely was through now has put 20th Century in exactly the position it was afraid it would be plunged. Without the working contract of Louis, the club is shorn of its biggest gate attraction.

A rival organization . . . the Tournament of Champions . . . already is hot after the contract of Lesnevich, popular light-heavyweight champ and Joe's logical successor. If it gets that contract then the star of the 20th Century may be headed for a fall. Thurs. 7-22-48

Sugar Ray Robinson, whose gate appeal is topped only by Louis and Lesnevich, for the most part has steadfastly shunned the allure of the boys on Jacobs' Beach.

At least he did before he was welterweight champion and if he continues to do so now, the "Beach" will really be paved with sharp stones.



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Herald Tribune New York

JUST AN EX-BOXER: Joe Louis collects his check from Mike Jacobs for knocking out Jersey Joe Walcott and turns in his gloves —retired, undefeated heavyweight champion

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Bomber Thinks Ten Leaders Should Fight It Out

The Times-Picayune

BY MURRAY ROSE

(The Associated Press)

New York, June 28.—Joe Louis today called himself "an ex-boxer," suggested an elimination tournament to determine his successor, and declared he would make known his political stand after the Democratic convention.

"But I definitely won't be for Wallace or any third party," the retired, undefeated heavyweight champion of the world added. Louis also denied reports he planned to run for Congress.

The champ, Manager Marshall Miles, and several other members of the Louis party, visited the offices of the 20th Century Sporting Club to talk to Promoter Mike Jacobs and his stand-in, Sol Strauss. New Orleans, La.

In good spirits and looking very fit despite a slightly discolored left eye and a lump high on his left cheek, the champ joked with reporters and reiterated his decision to quit the ring. Tues.

Asked whether he still considered himself champion, Louis replied promptly "I don't consider myself a boxer any more."

A reporter pointed out to Louis that Jim Jeffries had named two fighters to meet for the championship when he retired as heavyweight king in 1905 and asked him if he felt he should do the same. 6-29-48

"No," he said slowly. "I don't think the winner of a Jersey Joe Walcott-Gus Lesnevich fight should be named champion. An elimination tourney is the only way to do it. I think they ought to take the 10 top rated fighters and have them fight it out."

Louis didn't mention any other names. The only other fighter talked about at the press interview was Ezzard Charles, the No. 1 contender for Lesnevich's 175-pound crown.

Bruce Woodcock, the British empire heavy king, today said he wanted a say in any elimination series. In London, Woodcock's manager pointed out that Bruce had stopped Lesnevich. Woodcock has been out of action since Joe Baksi broke his jaw and stopped him over a year ago.

Just as the interview was ending and Louis was about to get up from his chair, Strauss hurried in, pointed at Louis and said: "You're still the champ."

Sol said he wasn't considering any elimination tourney. "Who else is there besides Walcott, Lesnevich and Charles? Name them, go ahead and name them."

There was no loud response so Strauss continued. He said he hoped to get a couple of fights out of the three battlers. It could very well be Walcott against Lesnevich in September with the winner fighting Charles, or Charles against one of the others first.

Louis apologized for the poor fight up until the 11th but explained, "I made up my mind to fight my fight and I wasn't going to change for anyone. I felt I had Walcott when I started reaching him good with my left in the ninth. I knew in the ninth I was going to get him soon." The Times-Picayune

Walcott showed up about two hours after Louis left and said he disagreed with the champion about a tourney. New Orleans, La.

"I'll fight anybody anytime," Jersey Joe declared. "I'm sorry Louis retired. I'd like to fight him again, winner take all. 6-29-48

"I honestly think I am the outstanding contender. After all I licked Baksi, Bivins, Ray, Murray, Sheppard and Maxim. I think I ought to fight one man and the winner should be declared champion." Tues. 6-29-48

Jersey Joe again blasted Referee Frank Fullam.

"If he had left me alone it would have been a better fight. Louis had his plans and I had mine."

Walcott said he planned to go away for about two weeks. When he returns he'll pick up his check of about $150,000 for his share of the gate and radio-television. Louis will net about $300,000.

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Dustin' off the NEWS

Defender

By LUCIUS C. HARPER

I Would Like To Be 'Broke' Like Joe Louis

Chicago, Ill

Sat 7-10-48

IT takes a lot of money to keep Joe Louis going. It did while he was champion, and it will while he is former champion. Joe Louis is a sport. He travels mostly in sport circles where money flows as freely as water. To the average person, looking from the sidelines and valuing a dollar most highly, it seems as it sports are always throwing away money. That's part of a sport's life, comfort and pleasure.

Lucius Harper

If Joe had been a skin-flint, a hoarder, everyone would have severely criticized him. In addition to his fistic ability, he became popular also through the big money he made. Luckily, he started out under good management. Back in 1935 Julian Black and John Roxborough, who led him to fame, made him purchase an annuity. First of all, he provided comfort and ease hereafter for his mother out of his first big fight gate, and settled the problems of mostly all his kinfolk. Thereafter, he bought valuable property, both in Detroit and Chicago. Then he invested in Negro insurance companies, and most recently aided in launching a soft-drink enterprise, bearing his name that is now beginning to produce profits.

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HE is still receiving royalties from hisfight picures that will continue to flow in for some time. In 1950 his annuity will start paying at something over $1,500 a month, which should be enough to keep anyone out of the breadline. His wife, Marva, is a good business-woman, and Joe (regardless of their little differences at times) is very mindful of this fact. Her investments have been wise and productive. Joe is tremendously devoted to the welfare of his children, and has often remarked about their future, which entails the expenditure of a neat sum if his purposes are carried out.

Joe, however, was denied much of the evenness of family life due to the ruggedness of his profession, and whatever may be said of slight upheavals in it, he ends his professional career in domestic tranquility with the same partner of his choice that he began with over 14 years ago. This, in itself, is a stellar accomplishment in pugilistic circles for a young man who has become the idol of millions, and is the constant and almost daily subject of entreaties from all feminine sources. If you doubt it, compare Joe's conduct with that of the champions of yesteryear.

IN his rise to fame and fortune, Joe Louis never forgot his friends and the problems that often beset them; those of his boyhood or those that he acquired during his brilliant career. All have profitted most handsomely by knowing him; most all have accumulated wealth and business through Joe's constant financial encouragement and his influence.

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The Times

JOE LOUIS, CHAMPION

A 34-year-old colored man who was born in a log cabin in Alabama, and until he put on boxing gloves and climbed into a ring knew nothing but poverty, retired yesterday as the undefeated heavyweight champion of the world. Joe Louis, born Barrow, leaves behind a spotless record of sportsmanship in an activity that very often has little of that commodity to offer. So far as the record shows, he never struck an illegal blow. Certainly he never threw one intentionally.

New York, N.Y.

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Louis had a natural dignity and an inner grace that many of his white predecessors might envy. He was uneducated, bookwise, but he always knew what was right. No scandals such as have been shouted, or whispered, about many other ring champions, blackened his long record. Some of his associates got into trouble from time to time, but not in connection with Joe's ring activities, and there never was any evidence produced that Louis himself had any part of the numbers racket or a share in any other illegal gambling enterprise.

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A lot of people don't approve of prizefighting. But even they could not fail to recognize that here was a champion, one who fought every man who challenged him and licked them, if not on the first try, then on the second; who came as close as anyone could to lifting prizefighting to the dignity of a sport. He was an honor to the ring and to his race. We wish him well in whatever other activity he may now engage as a retired, undefeated champion.

New York, N.Y.

The Times

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A Model of Champions Hangs Up His Gloves

The Courier-Journal

6-27-48

"THE winner and still champion" has called it a career. No craftsman has ever had a better right to rest than JOE LOUIS. But to those millions for whom he will always be the champ it brought a pang to hear from his own lips that at last he is taking it.

Louisville, Ky.

Now we shall have to resign ourselves to another dreary procession of palookas and freaks like those that leaped into the scramble after GENE TUNNEY retired twenty years ago. It probably will be an even more dreary experience, because there is no foreseeing another like the great Brown Bomber. In many ways there never was another.

There are several things that make this so. The first that will occur to people who think first of the fight itself is the deadly efficiency of the man. He may not have been the greatest boxer, though there are many who will argue on this point, not wanting to admit any lack in their champion. But he was the most intent, precise, determined and nearly infallible stalker in the ring. He needed only an opening, and the luckless opponent was gone. With few exceptions in his unequalled 25 defenses of his title, there was always the consummation which the watchers had come to see—the sudden sharp explosion at the impeccably right instant.

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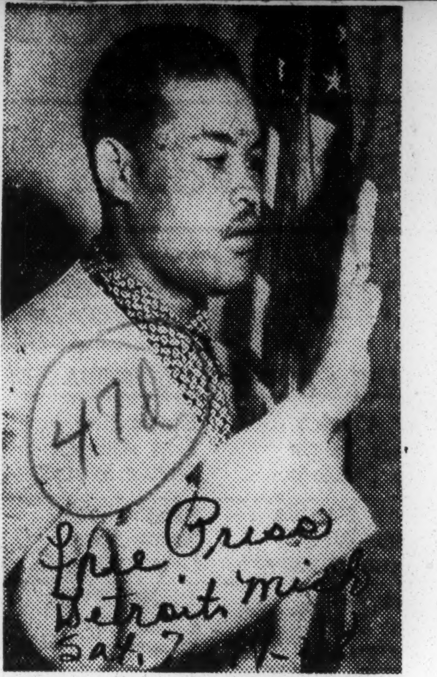
But there are probably even more people who will remember LOUIS with a kind of gratitude that is not related to the gratitude of the mob for a spectacle. It comes from the rare experience of seeing a champion in whom propriety went along with the ultimate of skill.

Now that JOE LOUIS is retiring undefeated, the argument will be endless as to his place among the heavyweight champions beginning with JOHN L. SULLIVAN, the first to hold the world title. There will be those to suggest that Strong Boy himself, or perhaps CORBETT, FITZSIMMONS, JEFFRIES or DEMPSEY the Killer as their favorite. But the record of JOE LOUIS speaks for itself, and most of the experts will be on his side. We were a little sorry for JOE WALCOTT, who tried hard up in the Yankee Stadium Friday night. But we would have been a lot sorrier, and we don't doubt that country generally would have felt the same way, if there had been any other conclusion to the fight. JOE LOUIS deserved it, just that way, walking off still the champion.



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Free Press

Detroit, Mich

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Free Press Photo

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Star

New York, N.Y.

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Joe Louis's Retirement Marks End of Great Era

Afro American

Many of World's Noted Figures Rose to Power During Eleven Years He Reigned

Baltimore Md

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When Joe first began to cast his shadow across the American Continent, the spirit of our people was pretty low; low because the spirit of all America and the world was low.

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Still evident were the ugly scars of the depression. Franklin Roosevelt was just beginning to evolve what was to develop into a new economic approach to life; we were just beginning to catch the deeper meaning of the theory that government was to solve the problems of the people and create for them a more bountiful life instead of merely being an expensive appendage of society, a superstructure of rules and regulations which bound together the seams of our heterogeneous society.

People began to look upon government as their servant, not their master. Against this background Joe Louis began to rise, giving us an emotional outlet and a rallying point. Under his pounding fists the idea of white supremacy and white invincibility began to crumble just like the idea that government was for the rich, administered only for their benefit at the expense of the poor.

My first personal contact with Joe came at Lakewood, N.J., where he was preparing for his first battle with Max Schmeling. Already he was a hero, and the match was looked upon as just another inconsequential exhibition. And then it came like a shock. Joe Louis was knocked out, and a gloom descended over Harlem deeper and blacker than the darkest days of the depression.

I spent another summer with Joe at Kenosha, Wis., where he trained for the Jimmy Braddock fight which won him the championship, and the barometer of race pride hit a new high.

Then came the second Schmeling fight, which removed the stigma of defeat; but by now Joe was being placed in eclipse as a more ominous shadow began to creep across the face of the earth. The shadow of Hitler and Naziism.

Joe fought on, but a lot of his battles were anti-climactic as the shadows of war, the thought of men dying by the thousands, of nations falling and kings dethroned dwarfed the fate of one puny man almost into insignificance.

It became more and more difficult for the race to concentrate on the pugilistic fortunes of Joe Louis while their own sons, brothers, sweethearts and husbands were engaged in a greater battle in which there were no purses, no decisions —only death; and Joe too went into uniform, along with thousands of other young men, in the battle against Fascism.

During these years many figures rose and fell after carving their places for good and for evil in history.

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Haile Selassie lost and regained his throne, Winston Churchill won and lost the premiership of Great Britain, Hitler became master of Europe, then vanished in mystery; Mussolini swaggered and boasted and died like a swine, Tojo made war on America and was condemned as a war criminal.

Wendell Willkie had the Presidency almost in his grasp, then died of heartbreak; Franklin Roosevelt revolutionized a nation and died beloved and damned, Mahatma Gandhi was slain by one of his own Nationals after forcing England to grant India's freedom.

The United Nations was born, the allies of World War II are engaged in a cold war, the world dangles on the precipice of an uncertain peace, a new draft is ordered to bring another crop of

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Free Press Detroit Mich.

Sun. 6-27-48

JOE GOES FOR A ROUND—OF GOLF—Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis walks with his wife on the course at Engineers Club at Roslyn, N. Y., where he went yesterday for a round of golf on the first day of his announced retirement from the ring. He declared he was hanging up the mitts for keeps from the ring after flattening Jersey Joe Walcott in the 11th round of their title bout Friday night.

Champion Will Not Run for Office

The Courier Pittsburgh, Pa. Sat. 7-10-48

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By ALBERT DUNMORE

CLEVELAND—Joe Louis, retired undefeated world's heavyweight champion, won't make any political commitments until after the Democratic Presidential convention, but will definitely participate in the campaign and he won't accept the invitation to run for councilman in Detroit.

Ray (Sugar) Robinson, world's welterweight champion, won't vacate his title to fight in the middleweight division.

These interesting political and boxing comments were made on the Seneca golf course here Saturday as the two top men in boxing were preparing to do a bit of serious golfing as contestants in the Sixth City Golf Club National Invitational Tournament which was played Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Louis, who also reiterated previous statements that he intends to devote a great deal of his immediate future to playing golf, stated that he does intend to explore the field of politics for future possibilities. Scoffing at reports that he will go all out for Wallace for President, Louis intimated that he will weigh the Democratic nominee against the Republican's hope, Thomas E. Dewey, before making any public pronouncements. But he does intend to make them and do some all-out stumping for the man and the party he decides to support.

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He did not feel that he was ready to accept the invitation of a group of Detroit political leaders who want him to seek election to a vacant councilmanic seat in the Motor City. Sat.

Robinson spiked reports that he intends to vacate his welterweight title. "I didn't have as much difficulty making the 147-pound limit as the papers led the public to believe," Robinson asserted. "After all, with those postponements, I guess the reporters needed something to write about and took that as the story angle. As long as I can make the weight, I am going to defend my title as a welterweight."

Joe Louis Rumored To Fight Again

Daily World Atlanta, Ga.

NEW YORK, N. Y.— (SNS) —There was growing evidence that Joe Louis will be lured out of his "unofficial retirement" for a September 22nd date with Gus Lesnevich in Yankee Stadium. Sun.

That's why Mike Jacobs has contracted for the Yankee Stadium on September 22. Under normal circumstances the Brown Bomber might've had the opportunity to fulfill his retirement statement uttered after kayoing Jersey Joe Walcott, but the growth of the newly born Tournament of Champions, Inc. is viewed as a threat to the 20th Cenutry Sporting Club's boxing monopoly. 7-18-48

The rival group of boxing promoters have signed Tony Zale and Marcel Cerdan for a September middleweight title battle in New York, Jersey City or Chicago.

Then there is the unabated rumor that the Tournament of Champions is hot after a Lesnevich-Ezzard Charles light heavyweight championship match, which really would cook 20th Century's goose.

These factors have made Uncle Mike think that the time is not propitious for Louis to give up right now. That's why he has signed up the Pompton Lakes, N. J. training camp for the Brown Bombers' use in late August.

British promoter Jack Solomons is certain Uncle Mikes is planning a 26th tile defense for Louis. Before he left the United States recently Solomons said he was threatened with bodily harm if he took Lesnevich to England for the July 26 fight with Freddie Mills. Daily World

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Louis To Vacate King's Throne

The Advertiser Montgomery, Ala.

Lesser Lights Suddenly Develop Fighting Hearts

Sun. 6-27-48

By JACK HAND

NEW YORK — (AP) — Every breathing heavyweight with two arms and two legs headed toward Jacobs beach Saturday as the mad scramble started for the title vacated by Joe Louis.

Gus Lesnevich, the 33-year-old reigning light heavyweight King who is now en route to London for a July 26 bout with Freddie Mills, appeared to be the key man in an involved situation.

Durable Gus, who suddenly turned into a knockout puncher after his return from war service, is the man they all want to fight. He figures to be the best office draw for a September outing in the Yankee Stadium.

Under the terms of the Twentieth Century Sporting Club's ball park contract with the Yankees and Giants they must put on at least two shows a summer.

Lesnevich is almost certain to be the party of the first part. Either Ezzard Charles, the Cincinnati light heavyweight contender, or Jersey Joe Walcott, the beaten 34-year-old challenger in last night's fight, will be the other. The Advertiser

As of now, Charles seems to have the inside edge, providing his manager, Jake Mintz, and the promoters can convince Joe Vella, Lesnevich's manager. Vella is on the high seas with Lesnevich. Montgomery, Ala.

The Charles camp has bombarded boxing commissions from coast to coast with challenges to Lesnevich for the 175-pound title. Now that is all forgotten and as Mintz says "we want the heavyweight crown. Sun 6-27-48

Charles, normally a 173 pounder, has lost only once since his return from war service. That loss, unfortunately for him, was to Elmer Ray in his only Madison Square Garden showing. Charles later reversed that loss, knocking out Ray in the ninth round at Chicago May 7. In his last outing he won a 10-round decision over Erv Sarlin at Buffalo.

There is considerable doubt along the beach about the public reaction of another Walcott appearance. The crowd booed Jersey Joe throughout the early rounds of last night's slow bout.

Felix Bocchicchio, Walcott's sponsor, still insists he has "the greatest fighter around today."

Felix has company. There are so many managers claiming they have the best fighter in the nation that you would think the country was overrun by promising young fighters. Actually, there isn't a sure shot in the bunch. Charles, at least, is one of the youngest at 25.

Sol Strauss, acting promoter of the Twentieth Century, said he rated Lesnevich, Charles and Walcott as the leading contenders. The Advertiser

"After them you could put fellows like Joe Baksi, Lee Salvold and Bruce Woodcock," said Strauss. "But what we really want to do is to uncover some young talent. That fellow Richard Hagan (a Louis Sparmate) looked pretty good last night." Montgomery, Ala.

It is estimated that Louis will get $252,522 of the actual gross receipts of $841,739. Walcott's slice will be about $126,261. And to that a liberal cut from the movies, television and radio rights and the boys will have had a big night's pay for a fight that was one of the dullest in history until the 11th round knockout.

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"We refunded over $100,000," Strauss said. "If it hadn't been for the two postponements, we would have hit the million mark. I can't see where the television hurt us at all."

To Enter Mid-Bracket

The Advertiser
Montgomery, Ala.

Too Tough Job To Make 147-Pound Limit Says Sugar Boy

Jun. 6-27-48

CHICAGO — (AP) — Welterweight champion Ray (Sugar) Robinson reiterated Saturday that his scheduled 15-round bout at Comiskey Park Monday night against Bernard Docusen "will be my last welter title defense."

Robinson will enter the middleweight bracket and hopes to get a crack at Tony Zale's crown.

"It's too tough a job to try to make the 147 pound limit," declared the Harlem Sugar boy.

The title scrap with the young New Orleans contender has been postponed twice by a combination of poor weather and Robinson's failure to shed excess poundage.

Robinson, disappointed that he could not attend the Joe Louis-Jersey Joe Walcott fight in New York—sparred four rounds last night then settled in front of a radio to hear the championship bout.

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After the snappy four rounds against two sparring mates, Robinson's handlers said he weighed 149 1-2. He and Docusen will officially weigh in again Monday noon. Sheldon Clark, chairman of the Illinois Athletic Commission, said if Robinson failed to make the stipulated 147 pounds his title would be declared vacant and the champion would forfeit $5,000 in weight bonds.

PLANS ARE STARTED FOR WALCOTT FIGHT AGAINST LESNEVICH

The Times
New York, N.Y.
Jun. 6-27-48

Stadium Bout Sept. 22 Would Be Step to Clear Heavyweight Class Title Situation

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CHARLES NEXT FOR VICTOR

Louis, the Retired Champion, Spends Day on Golf Course —Eyes Political Career

By JAMES P. DAWSON

Joe Louis was in retirement in more ways than one yesterday. The situation surrounding the world heavyweight title was, as a consequence, clouded in more confusion than has been experienced in the past twenty years, or since Gene Tunney gave up the crown after knocking out Tom Heeney in eleven rounds.

The Times

The one definite fact in the aftermath of Louis' spectacular eleven-round knockout of Jersey Joe Walcott at the Yankee Stadium last Friday night was that Sol Strauss, acting director of the Twentieth Century S. C., has reserved Sept. 22 at the Stadium as the date for the next heavyweight spectacle the organization proposes.

New York, N.Y.

It is planned to stage a battle between Walcott and Gus Lesnevich, world light-heavyweight champion, on that date. This encounter would be regarded in the light of a heavyweight title elimination, in accordance with ring precedent. The winner would be asked to meet Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati Negro, who, although fighting now as a light heavyweight, is regarded as a threat to the title Louis announced he was surrendering immediately after he knocked out Walcott in 2:56 of the eleventh round.

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No Monopoly Now

Of lesser importance in the farewell of Louis to the ring, after twenty-five defenses of the title he held for eleven years, was the automatic interruption to the monopoly the Twentieth Century Club has held on the title since Louis knocked out James J. Braddock in Chicago back in 1937. While he fought Louis was under exclusive contract to Twentieth Century. Walcott had to sign a contract giving the club exclusive call on his services for three years in the event he defeated Louis.

Louis' retirement obviates his arrangement with the organization Promoter Mike Jacobs guided before being stricken in 1946 with a cerebral hemorrhage. Walcott's failure makes his contract worthless. The situation, therefore, finds the heavyweight title, as a promotional attraction, on the open market for the first time since Jack Dempsey lifted the crown from Jess Willard and went under the banner of the late Tex Rickard, back in 1919.

From the Ring to the Golf Course

The Times
New York, N.Y.

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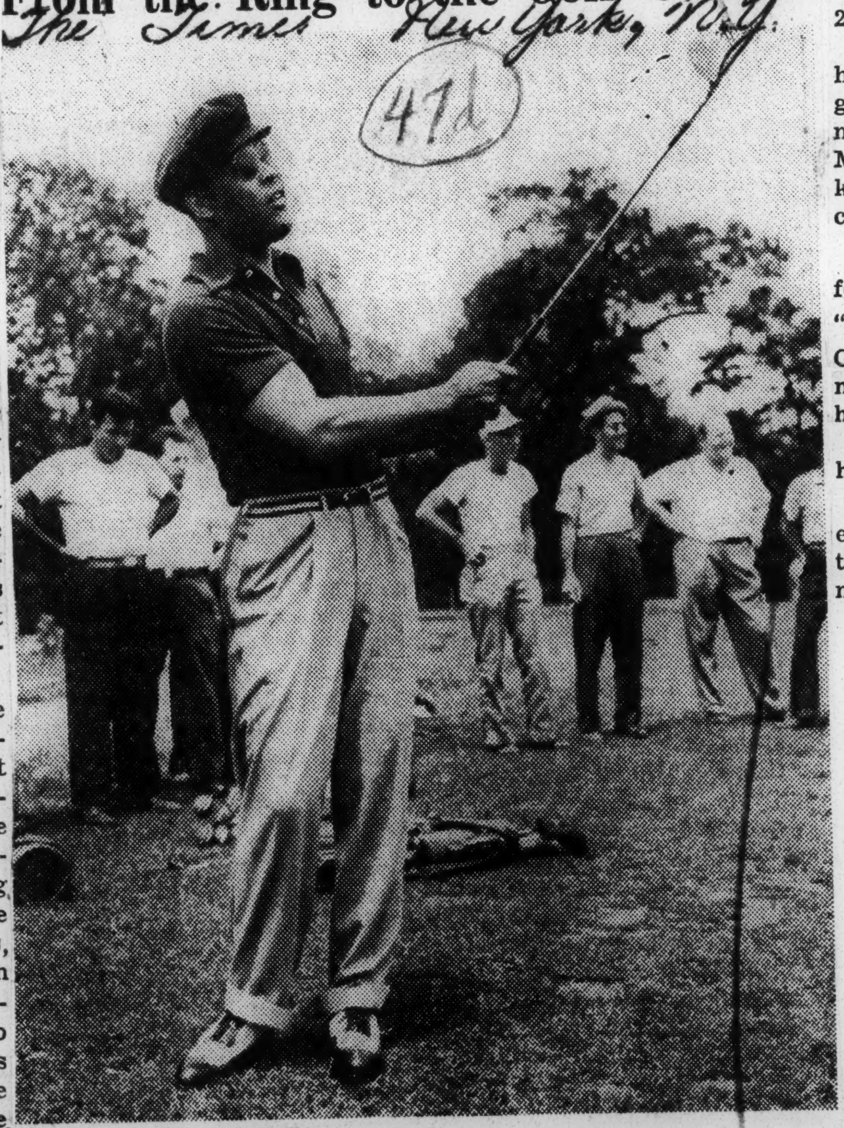

Joe Louis getting in some practice shots before he played on course at Roslyn, L. I., yesterday.

Louis scotches rumors about returning to ring

Tribune
Los Angeles
Calif

By JOE RACEMAN

NEW YORK—Joe Louis will have to eat up a lot of words, if he should change his mind about retiring. Last Tuesday at Detroit, the Brown Bomber looked up the press, saying he thought it was time to knockout growing rumors about him not really retiring after all, about him fighting lightheavy champ Gus Lesnevitch sometime in September.

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When he found them, Louis told newsmen flatly: "I'm not going to fight Lesnevitch in September, or anybody else, anytime. I'm through. I've quit for keeps."

This was only a reiteration of the brief farewell to boxing he addressed to his mother over the radio June 25th, right after he knocked out Jersey Joe Walcott. But his month-long dalliance about officially notifying the National Boxing Ass'n and the New York Boxing Commission had raised hopes at 20th Century Sporting club and promoter Mike Jacobs had coddled rumor along, if he hadn't started it, hoping that Louis would be talked into reconsidering and fighting Lesnevitch.

After all, Louis was Jacobs' and 20th Century's main meal ticket.

With Louis when he reaffirmed his intention to hang 'em up for good was Marshall Miles, his comanager with John Roxborough. Miles, too, had previously let it be known that he wanted Louis to reconsider.

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Again yesterday on arriving here for welterweight champion Ray "Sugar" Robinson's inaugural Open Golf tournament, Louis told newsmen that he still hadn't changed his mind.

Tribune

"I'm through. And that's that," he said.

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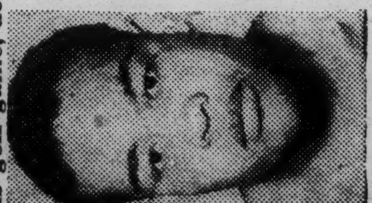
But the Bomber still hadn't mailed in his official papers of abdication to NBA or New York's commission at this writing.

LIKE EISENHOWER, LOUIS INSISTS HE MEANT "NO"

The Record
Columbia, S.C.

DETROIT, July 21—(UP)—Joe Louis, intent only on improving his golf game, delivered a knockout blow today to reporters that he would return to the boxing ring for "just one more" defense of the heavyweight title against Gus Lesnevich in September.



Joe Louis against Mills.

"This is final," said the Brown Bomber, "regardless of what anybody says or writes. I'll not fight Lesnevich in September and I won't fight anybody else at anytime."

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"I've hung up my gloves for good," said Louis after a conference last night with co-managers John Roxborough and Marshall Miles and attorney Truman Gibson, Jr.

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Only yesterday, Nat Fleischer, editor of the Ring magazine, flatly predicted a Louis-Lesnevich bout in the September issue of his magazine. Fleischer wrote that the fight would be held at Yankee Stadium Sept. 22 if Lesnevich was successful. He said that Louis would remain in retirement if Lesnevich lost.

Sol Strauss, acting director of the 20th Century Sporting club, was also caught unawares by Louis' flat refusal to fight again.

Yesterday Strauss said, "It is my opinion that Louis will fight Lesnevich on Sept. 22."

The Record

Louis Wants Tourney To Name New Champ

Star
New York

Joe Louis told reporters yesterday that he considered himself an "ex-boxer" and suggested that an elimination tournament be held to determine his successor. Tues.

But Sol Straus, acting director of the 20th Century Sporting Club, when told of Louis' suggestion, said he wasn't considering any such tourney. 6-29-48

"Who else is there besides Jersey Joe Walcott, Gus Lesnevich and Ezzard Charles? Name them, go ahead and name them."

There was no loud response from the assembled reporters, so Strauss went on. He said he hoped to get a couple of fights out of the three he mentioned. It could very well be Walcott against Lesnevich in September with the winner fighting Charles, or Charles against one of the others first.

Louis took the occasion of the press conference to clear up some other things. He denied reports that he was going to campaign for Henry Wallace or that he was going to run for Congress on a Third Party ticket. He said he would let his political views be known after the Democratic convention. He said that yesterday he became a director in a corporation that manufactures a soft drink bearing his name.

Sports a Mouse

Still bearing a mouse under his left eye and a bruise on his left cheek, Louis visited Mike Jacobs and Strauss at the 20th Century offices. Star

The champ joked with reporters and when one asked him if he still considered himself champion, he said, "I don't consider myself a boxer any more." He said yes, however, to another question asking if he considered himself the retired, undefeated heavyweight champion of the world. New York, N.Y.

A reporter pointed out to Louis that Jim Jeffries had named two fighters to meet for the championship when he retired as heavyweight king in 1905 and asked Joe if he felt he should do the same.

"No," he said slowly, "I don't think the winner of a Walcott-Lesnevich fight should be-named champ. An elimination tourney is the only way to do it. I think they ought to take the 10 top rated fighters and have them fight it out."

Joe Apologizes

Tues. 6-29-48

Louis apologized for the poor fight up until the 11th. "But I made up my mind to fight my fight and I wasn't going to change for anyone," he said. "I felt I had Walcott when I started reaching him good with my left in the ninth. I knew then I was going to get him soon."

Later in the day Walcott showed up and delivered his daily blast against referee Frankie Fullam. Walcott said Fullam's "partiality" toward Louis "forced me to fight two men in the ring that night."

Walcott said he planned to go away for about two weeks. When he returns he will pick up his check for about $150,000 for his share of the gate, radio and television. Louis will net about $300,000.

Joe Louis Says He's Now An "Ex-Champion"

The Post
Washington D.C.

New York., June 28 (AP).—Joe Louis appeared at the offices of the Twentieth Century Sporting Club today and called himself an "ex-boxer." Tues.

Louis still sported a slightly discolored left eye and he had a lump high on his left cheek.

Asked whether he considered himself still champion, the brown bomber replied promptly "I don't consider myself a boxer any more." 6-29-48

He said "yes" when a reporter asked if he then would consider himself as the retired, undefeated heavyweight champion of the world.

The champion took him time answering a query about who should be his successor and then suggested an elimination tourney.

"I don't think the winner of a Jersey Joe Walcott-Gus Lesnevich fight should be named champion. An elimination tourney is the only way to do it. I think they ought to take the top 10 rated fighters and have them fight it out."

Louis Retirement to Golf Starts Heavyweight Hunt

Herald Tribune New York N.Y.
Sun. 6-27-48

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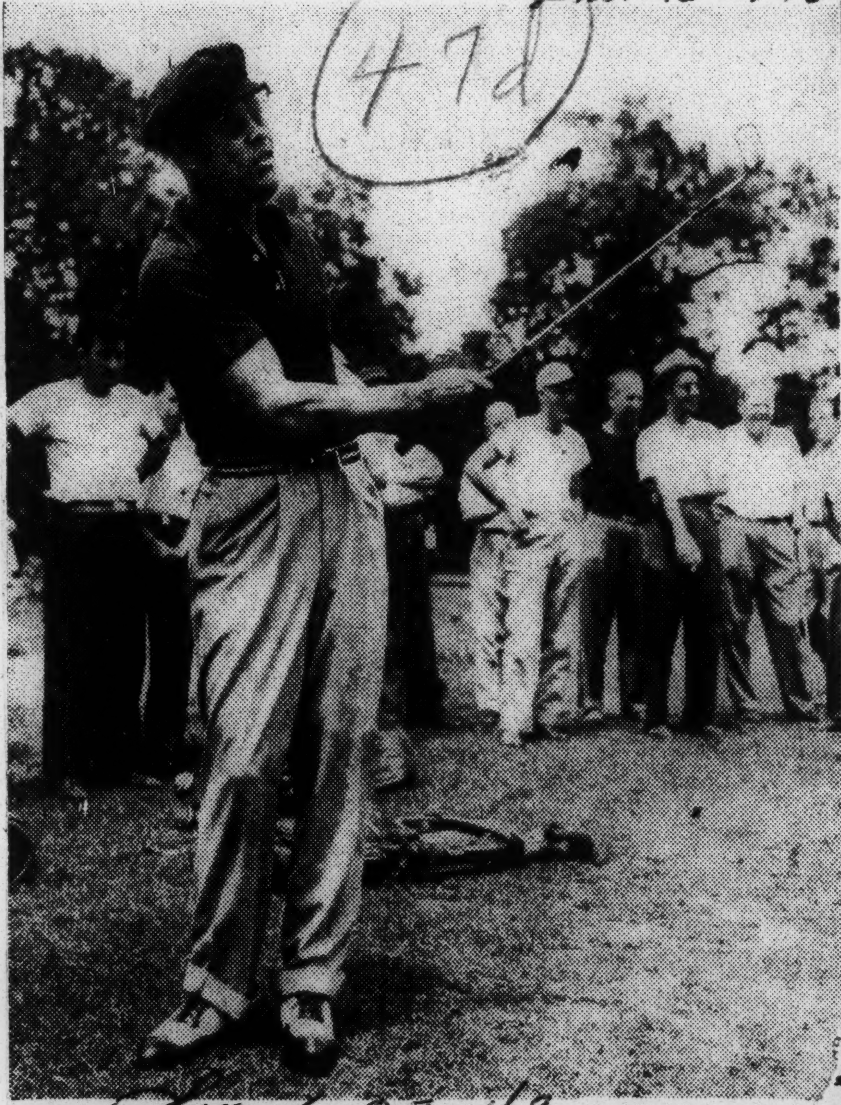

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Herald Tribune—Acme

RETIRED, UNDEFEATED: *Joe Louis relaxing at golf at the Engineers course, Roslyn, L. I., yesterday*

Joe Louis' Retirement 'Unofficial'

The Courier-Journal
Louisville Ky.

N.B.A. Ratings List Bomber As Still Champ

Sat. 7-10-48

New York, July 9 (AP)—Marshall Miles, one of Joe Louis' managers, said today that Louis' retirement from the heavyweight boxing throne still was unofficial.

He said that Louis' letters, announcing his retirement, had not been sent to either the New York State Athletic Commission or to the National Boxing Association, Louis announced after knocking out Jersey Joe Walcott on June 25 that he was quiting the ring.

Miles said he would visit with Louis in Chicago this week end and predicted that a definite decision would be made then, adding "I don't think Joe has changed his mind. I haven't pressed him because I want any announcement to be Joe's own." Sat.

In the quarterly N.B.A. ratings, released today, Louis still was listed as heavyweight champion, Abe Greene of Paterson, N. J., N.B.A. president, said that his organization expected to make an "interesting announcement" regarding the heavyweight situation shortly. 7-10-48

Louis May Run For City Council

Herald Tribune
New York N.Y.

Office in Detroit

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Special to the Herald Tribune

DETROIT, July 1.—Joe Louis is being urged to run in September for the vacancy in the City Council, "The Detroit Tribune," semi-weekly Negro newspaper, said today. 7-2-48

Several Negro political leaders and public officials have promised their support if he seeks the seat left vacant by Leo J. Nowicki.

Lewis has made known his interest in politics. Before he went to Europe last winter, he announced that he would enter politics after he had ended his ring career. The champion's previous political interest has been in national politics. He worked for Wendell L. Willkie during the 1940 campaign, but his present political allegiance is undeclared.

Lewis's legal residence is at 2100 McDougall Avenue.

Louis Quit With a Million Dollars

Examiner
Los Angeles, Calif.

By Bill Corum

NEW YORK, June 27.—(INS)—Louis quit with a million dollars.

According to John Roxborough, Champion Joe's estate hits that figure. Mon.

"In property, particularly his Detroit apartment houses, annuities, and his investments in a couple of going businesses, Joe definitely is a millionaire," says John. 6-28-48

"In fact," continues the retiring champion's long time manager and adviser, "the only way in which Joe has been in any financial difficulties in recent years has been for ready cash.

"With the war and his ring earnings stopped, heavy taxes and his free-handed way of living and giving, that is easy to understand."

Louis was permitted to incorporate by the treasury department. He has a soft drink business (Joe Louis Punch—Free Adv.) and also a combination insurance and savings plan company in Detroit. According to Bob Murphy, sports editor of the Detroit Times, the latter business is really flourishing.

"They come piling in every week, especially youngsters to whom Joe is an idol, with their savings," says Murphy. "I understand that they plan to move into Harlem, Birmingham and several other spots in the near future.

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It would be hard to imagine a tougher opponent for an aging, slowed-down Louis than his last one—Walcott.

"Jersey Joe" had the sort of defense most calculated to trouble him and the one offensive weapon—the quick right hand punch—that was always the admitted weakness in Louis' own defensive armor.

Yet in the end, the stalker ironed out his last difficult problem, too, to his own and, surely, everybody's satisfaction.

Los Angeles Calif.
Examiner

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I wonder, when I hear folks talking about how dull Friday night's fight was, how much the rosy mists of memory have colored the two championship battles between Tunney and Dempsey. 6-28-48

Turn back to the round-by-round stories of those two 10-round decision affairs and see for yourself.

In the entire 20 rounds there was just one real knockdown. Not too much in the way of slashing, thrilling fights. I assure you.

'Not Millionaire--But Not Broke,' Says Louis

Daily Worker New York, N.Y.

Tues. 6-29-48

Champ and Beaten Challenger Pick Up Checks at 20th

Retired heavyweight champ Joe Louis and the man who gave him such a close call last Friday night at Yankee Stadium put in an appearance at the offices of the 20th Century Sporting Club yesterday to pick up the remunerative awards for their evening's work.

That Louis is wisely set on his exit from the ring was made plainly evident when a scribe asked him if he still considers himself heavyweight champion of the world. **"I don't consider myself a boxer anymore,"** Louis answered with characteristic succinity.

The retired titleholder indicated that the actual notifying of the Boxing Commission of his departure from the heavyweight ranks is just a formality he will take care of soon.

Louis reversed himself somewhat on his Friday night statement calling for a match between Jersey Joe Walcott and Gus Lesnevich to settle the question of the new champion. Yesterday Louis was incline to favor he idea of an elimination tourney among the ten top contenders. Daily Worker

Still bearing a slight mouse under his left eye and a bruise on his cheek, Joe announced that as of now he is becoming a director in the corporation that manufactures the soft drink known as "Joe Louis Punch." Persistently questioned on his avowed intentions of entering the political scene and particularly the Henry Wallace campaign, Louis again said his announcement on that score wouldn't be made until after the Democratic National Convention. Louis also avoided comment on rumors that he was going to run for Congress on a Third Party ticket. Tues. 6-29-48

The question of Louis' financial status was also neatly disposed of by Joe. "The fellows who say I am a millionaire are wrong and so are the fellows who say I'm broke."

After Louis left, Walcott showed up at 20th Century. He again expressed some resentment toward referee Frank Fullam's officiating. **"Fulam forced me to fight two men in the ring that night,"** said Walcott, renewing his claim that the arbiter upset him by continually ordering him to "start fighting, Walcott." Jersey Joe claimed that Fullam's remarks caused him to change his style somewhat and led to his kayo in the 11th round.

Fullam had earlier repeated his stand, namely that the had ordered both men to give the fans more action, Louis as well as Walcott. It is a fact that Fullam visited both corner's with that order before the eighth round got underway. New York, N.Y.

Dodgers Drop Lund, Browns Grab Him

The Brooklyn Dodgers announced yesterday that outfielder Don Lund has been claimed by the St. Louis Browns for the waiver price of $10,000.

Lund, a 25-year-old former University of Michigan football star, batted .188 in 27 games for the Dodgers this season all against left handed pitching. Sale of Lund cu the Brooklyn roster to 24 players one below the limit. Lund wi

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An End And A Beginning

The News

Joe Louis is no longer heavyweight champion of the world, but he relinquished the title of his own free will. On 25 occasions during the last 11 years he has defended his crown against many different contenders. His last fight was not a spectacular one until the last few seconds of that fateful 11th round. Then he was again the hard fighter he had been at the beginning of his career. Although he is still young in years and in opportunities lying ahead, he was getting old for the ring, and time had obviously taken its toll. With no outstanding young challenger, Joe wisely decided that this was a good time to quit while his fistic prestige was still high. Tues.

Birmingham, Ala.

Whether it be fair or not, one finds it difficult not to make a comparison between the two Negro fighters who have held the title. Jack Johnson was a naturally good fighter, too, but he was not the man that Joe Louis has always been. Members of his race could not be proud of him as they have always been of Joe, who represents a high type of sportsmanship. 6-29-48

Louis Suggests Elimination

The Advertiser

Brown Bomber Calls Himself 'An Ex-Boxer'

Montgomery, Ala.

Tourney To Pick New Champ

By MURRAY ROSE

NEW YORK —(AP)— Joe Louis Monday called himself "an ex-boxer," suggested an elimination tournament to determine his successor, and declared he would make known his political stand after the Democratic convention.

"But I definitely won't be for Wallace or any third party," the retired, undefeated heavyweight champion of the world added. Louis also denied reports he planned to run for Congress.

The champ, manager Marshall Miles, and several other members of the Louis party, visited the offices of the 20th Century Sporting Club to talk to Promoter Mike Jacobs and his stand-in Sol Strauss. Tues. 6-29-48

In good spirits and looking very fit despite a slightly discolored left eye and a lump high on his left cheek, the champ joked with reporters and reiterated his decision to quit the ring.

Asked whether he still considered himself champion, Louis replied promptly "I won't consider myself a boxer any more."

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Louis didn't mention any other names. The only other fighter talked about at the press interview was Ezzard Charles, the No. 1 contender for Lesnevich's 175-pound crown. 6-29-48

Bruce Woodcock, the British Empire heavy king, today said he wanted a say in any elimination series. In London, Woodcock's manager pointed out tha' Bruce had stopped Lesnevich. Woodcock has been out of action since Joe Baski broke his jaw and stopped him over a year ago.

"Louis Is Still Champ"

Just as the interview was ending and Louis was about to get up from his chair, Strauss hurried in, pointed at Louis and said: "You are still the champ."

Sol said he wasn't considering any elimination tourney. "Who else is there besides Walcott, Lesnevich and Charles? Name them, go ahead and name them."

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Walcott showed up about two hours after Louis left and said he disagreed with the champion about a tourney.

"I'll fight anybody anytime," Jersey Joe declared. "I'm sorry Louis retired. I'd like to fight him again, winner take all.

"I honestly think I am the outstanding contender. After all I licked Baski, Bivins, Ray, Murray, Sheppard and Maxim. I think I ought to fight one man and the winner should be declared champion."

Jersey Joe again blasted Referee Frank Fullam.

"If he had left me alone it would have been a better fight. Louis had his plans and I had mine." Montgomery, Ala.

Walcott said he planned to go away for about two weeks. When he returns he'll pick up his check of about $150,000 for his share of the gate and radio-television. Louis will net about $300,000. Tues. 6-29-48

Champion To Don Gloves

Advertiser, Montgomery, Ala

Brown Bomber To See Ring Action Again

wed. 7-21-48

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With Light Heavyweight

By JACK HAND

NEW YORK—(AP)—Joe Louis will come out of retirement to defend his heavyweight title against light heavyweight king Gus Lesnevich at the Yankee Stadium, Sept. 22, according to a copyright article by Editor Nat Fleischer in the September issue of Ring magazine.

Fleischer said Louis indicated that he is weakening in his retirement stand and is willing to come back for just one more fight. First Lesnevich must win decisively over Freddie Mills at London July 26.

"I can't go on from one round of golf to another," Louis is quoted as telling Fleischer, "I have to look forward to something more exciting. Maybe I should meet Lesnevich. I can beat him. I still will be able to retire unbeaten like Gene Tunney." Advertiser

Lesnevich now is in London, getting ready for his July 26 bout with Mills, a fight he must win to keep alive any chances of a September date with Louis.

Louis will be in Mike Jacobs' office Friday, ostensibly to collect his share of the movie receipts from the second Walcott fight. This is estimated at "about $100,000." Montgomery, Al

Sol Strauss, acting promoter of the Twentieth Century Sporting Club, insists no pressure is being brought on Louis to reconsider his retirement.

Asked if he had any indication from Louis that he was wavering in his stand, Strauss said, "I can only say that I think there is a probability that he'll fight again."

Strauss does have Sept. 22 at the Yankee Stadium reserved for a heavyweight fight, which he says he hopes will be Lesnevich-Louis.

"Joe Vella (Lesnevich's manager) promised me he'd fight Louis in September," said Strauss who has been in communication with the Cliffside Park, N. J. fight manager since his arrival in London.

"In fact," said Strauss, "if the Louis-Walcott fight had been held as scheduled and not rained out, Lesnevich would not have gone to London for the Mills fight. Gus was to sit next to me in the working press section. In fact, they still haven't signed for the Lesnevich-Mills fight, although they are going to have the fight."

"We don't need to sign Louis anyhow," said Strauss, "he still is under exclusive contract with us, no matter what you may have heard. Rather, he's under contract with Mike Jacobs. That runs until 1951. wed

Suits Them

"If Joe wants to fight, we'll be only too glad to make all the arrangements. I don't think you will get any definite word from him before the Lesnevich-Mills bout." 7-21-48

"I think a Louis-Lesnevich fight would draw over a million dollars. You know how much 40 per cent of a million dollars is. That's pretty hard to turn down."

In his ring article, Fleischer quoted excerpts of a conversation he had with Louis as follows:

"Do you think that you still have any real fight left in you," the champion was asked.

"I know I have, at least one, maybe more," Louis replied, "no one should be afraid of the kind of heavyweights who are now rated in the first ten if he has any kind of a punch still left in him."

"Do you think you still have that?" he was asked.

"Well," Louis replied," you know what I did to Walcott. Use your own judgment."

Fleischer said Louis had told him he still intended to send a letter to Eddie Eagan, chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, officially informing them that he was giving up the title. Montgomery, Ala

"I can't do that right now," he was quoted as saying, "it is too early. Some time soon I'll have Truman Gibson, my lawyer, to write the letter, but not now it is simply too early to write the letter now."

Despite this stand by the champ, Fleischer drew the following conclusion from his interview: wed, 7-21-48

"The interview indicated an uncertainty. He conveyed the thought that he was sorry to leave the heavyweight division in such a stangled state and that if the public demanded it he might be willing to think it over and return to his first love, the ring, if the fans wanted him back—for just one more, a last one."

DETROIT —(AP)— John Roxborough, long-time manager and friend of Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis, said today "a lot of pressure" is being brought on the Brown Bomber to junk his retirement plans and meet Gus Lesnevich in New York in September.

"So far it's just pressure, though," Roxborough insisted.

"There have been lots of stories since Joe beat Joe Walcott and said he would retire. But so far about all the writers have done is try to discover a reason, why Louis shouldn't quit."

Louis himself was on a golf course and was not available for comment.

Roxborough said, however, that he had talked with Joe early this afternoon regarding stories of a possible Louis-Lesnevich fight.

"He tells me there is absolutely nothing to it," Roxy added emphatically.

"I'm going to talk with Joe again tonight and we may have some kind of a statement then." Roxborough said. "But it's just pressure talk so far; they're trying to force Louis to come back."

Joe's mother, Mrs. Lillie Brooks, who had exacted a promise from the Bomber that the Walcott fight would be his last, also heard of reports that a Louis-Lesnevich fight was in the making. Advertiser

"What do you think of the prospects of Joe going back for one more fight?" she was asked.

"I won't let myself think about it," the replied. "I don't want him to fight again."

Joe's mother said the champ had given her no reason to believe he won't stick by his announced plans to retire.

Joe Louis to Go On Exhibition Tour

Star

New York, N.Y.

Harry Mendel, boxing publicist, announced last night he has booked heavyweight champion Joe Louis for a series of exhibition bouts in the South this Fall.

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Mendel said Louis would not take along any sparring partners, but instead would fight his exhibitions against local talent. No dates were announced.

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PRIDE FORCED CHAMPION TO FIGHT LONGER

Chicago Tribune

sun. 6-27-48

He Wears Crown 11 Years

BY WILFRID SMITH

(Chicago Tribune Press Service)

New York, June 26--Joe Louis has retired undefeated heavyweight champion of the world. Immediately after he knocked out Jersey Joe Walcott in the 11th round of their battle last night in Yankee stadium, Louis announced abdication of the crown he held 11 years and three days.

Louis won his title in Chicago June 22, 1937 when he knocked out Jim Braddock. Now he has defended that honor 25 times. He has ruled longer than any heavyweight in history.

Louis had said during his training at Pompton Lakes that, win or lose, this was his last fight. His reiterated decision unquestionably was approved by the crowd of 42,667. The Bomber's career has been so tremendously spectacular it is fitting he should yield that which no one man ever was able to sieze.

Pride Dictated Return Bout

Louis might have quit the ring earlier save that pride dictated a return match in 1946 with Billy Conn immediately after the war. The one time 175 pound champion, in their 1941 battle, had been beaten in the 13th round after outboxing the champion.

Last December Louis received a divided decision in 15 rounds over Walcott. Again, pride returned Louis to the drudgery of conditioning. The Bomber would show that no man, and certainly not a man of his own age, could win.

Thus, last night the thousands in Yankee stadium paid $841,739 to see the last Louis fight. It was the fourth largest sum in the Bomber's records.

For 10 rounds last night, Walcott and Louis fought carefully. The challenger, repeating his December tactics, continually retreated, jabbing, and feinting. In the third round he lashed out with his right and Louis dropped to the canvas for a count of one second. 6-27-48

Walcott Visibly Slowed

Save for this lightning punch, reminiscent of the two knockdowns the challenger scored in the first battle, the bout continued at a slow tempo. Gradually, Louis' superior condition turned the tide. Walcott visibly slowed.

Walcott backed to the ropes before Louis attack. No one blow ended this fight. For 20 seconds, the Bomber blasted with both hands. Here was the man who had battered Max Schmeling to blubbering helplessness in two minutes. Here, for a last time, was the Brown Bomber who had knocked out Primo Carnera, Jack Sharkey, Max Baer and a score of lesser men.

Walcott could not stand before this murderous assault. He fell forward in mid-ring still conscious. Vainly he tried to get up. He was counted out in 2 minutes and 56 seconds. Chicago Tri

In 14 years as a professional, -- Louis began his career in Chicago July 4, 1934 -- the Bomber had met 10 men twice. Walcott completed the list. All return matches ended in knockouts.

Schmeling Only Man

Max Schmeling is the only man ever to beat Louis. Schmeling knocked out the Bomber in 12 rounds in 1936. Two years later, and now in a title match, Louis gained satisfaction. Schmeling lasted 2 minutes and 4 seconds.

For his last fight Louis will receive 40 per cent of the net receipts. Walcott gets the challenger's 20 per cent.. High income taxes and inactivity during the war have depleted the champion's resources. He is said to have a competence, if not wealth.

Regardless, Louis always will have memory of a career without parallel in pugilism. He has been a great champion in the greatest era of his sport.

Louis to Start His Tournament Golf Play Today

New York Herald Trib

Retired Champion Departs for Cleveland to Tee Off in Forest City Tourney

Sat. 7-3-48

Joe Louis, the old profile wrecker, now wants to become a par wrecker—in a serious way.

The retired heavyweight champion of the world, in a last-minute change of plans, called off a vacation trip to French Lick, Ind., and headed for Cleveland yesterday to begin a fling at competitive golf.

"I want to play a lot of golf in the next few months," the Brown Bomber said. "I intend to get in all the tournaments I can, and some day I hope to try some of the big national meets."

Louis will tee off in the Forest City Golf Association tournament at Cleveland today.

Then he plans to go to Toledo for a tournament getting under way there July 9. He said he would return to New York July 26 for the annual Ray Robinson meet.

The Bomber's sudden change in plans was provoked by a creditable 77 he fired this week over a Long Island course. 7-3-48

He said he felt he was getting back in the groove after being forbidden to swing a club during the months he trained for his second bout with Jersey Joe Walcott.

Louis's fondness for golf has been known for some time. His aspirations to become a tournament shotmaker came as a surprise, to everybody except his close associates. New York Tribune

"The champ's a fine golfer," one friend said. "He shoots in the low 70s when he's in practice, and he's had a 69 at one time.

"He figures he can hold his own in tournament play."

Louis is said to be a bomber off the tees just as he was in the ring—a long knocker. He is also deadly around the greens.

He is so enamored of the game that he has had a special professional tutor him. It's not at all unusual, friends say, to see him walking around with a putter in one hand and the latest instruction book in the other.

Gus Seeking 2d KO, Shot At Joe Louis

Star
New York N.Y.
Mon. 7-26-48

LONDON, July 25 (AP)—A sellout crowd of 46,000 will watch Gus Lesnevich make his bid for a shot at the world heavyweight title when he meets rugged Freddie Mills tomorrow night at White City Stadium.

Promoter Jack Solomons announced today that every seat had been sold, and he appealed to fans to stay far away unless they held tickets. The return scrap between the two 175-pounders has created great interest on this side, being considered perhaps the most important fight held in Britain in modern times.

If Lesnevich, the recognized world light-heavy champion, can repeat the knockout victory he scored over Mills two years ago, he is considered a cinch to slug it out either with Joe Louis or Jersey Joe Walcott in September.

Nat Fleischer of *Ring Magazine*, who flew across to witness the title bout, remains confident that Louis will defend his heavy crown "just once more" if Lesnevich is the challenger.

Third Party Not for Joe

Detroit Free Press

Won't Back Wallace; Chooses Party Later

Tues. 6-29-48

NEW YORK—(AP)—Joe Louis called himself "an ex-boxer," suggested an elimination tournament to determine his successor, and declared he would make known his political stand after the Democratic convention.

"But I definitely won't be for Wallace or any third party," the retired, undefeated heavyweight champion of the world added. Louis also denied reports he planned to run for Congress.

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A reporter pointed out to Louis that Jim Jeffries had named two fighters to meet for the championship when he retired as heavyweight king in 1905 and asked him if he felt he should do the same.

"No," he said slowly. "I don't think the winner of a Jersey Joe Walcott-Gus Lesnevich fight should be named champion. An elimination tourney is the only way to do it. I think they ought to take the ten top rated fighters and have them fight it out."

Louis' $3,410,600 Has Dwindled to Half Million

Chicago Tribune

BY FRANK MASTRO

Joe Louis earned a record $3,410,600 during his 14 year ring campaign, and yet is far from being a millionaire as he retires as undefeated heavyweight champion of the world.

The 34 year old Brown Bomber collected that total in 71 bouts to establish himself as the biggest money maker in the history of boxing. The old record of $2,712,079 was earned by Jack Dempsey.

A conservative guess is that Louis' tangible assets, even after collecting $295,000 for his 25th title defense against Jersey Joe Walcott in Yankee stadium June 25, are less than $500,000. Sun. 7-4-48

Taxes Cut Receipts

That's difficult to comprehend when it is realized that Louis was the magnet which attracted gates totaling $12,743,675, of which $8,595,620 was the result of his 25 title risks. State and federal taxes form one answer for the paradox, estimates being that they cut the sum more than $2,000,000.

It is known that Joe became pressed for cash shortly after he entered the army in 1942. He borrowed large sums from Promoter Mike Jacobs from time to time, and these obligations forced him to continue fighting altho he was beyond his prime.

Thus, some boxing observers would not be surprised if Louis, who gained prominence by capturing a Chicagoland Golden Gloves medal in 1934, reconsiders his decision, and returns to the ring for another championship bout next winter.

Roxborough Gives Tip

In fact Manager John Roxborough already has indicated the champion's intention of fighting again by saying Joe plans to go on a personal appearance tour in October and "likely will don the gloves again in exhibition bouts."

During the war Louis apparently was forced to sell his interest in the Rhum Boogie, a south side night spot, because the place was losing money faster than even he could make it. He also disposed of his Detroit restaurant. Later Joe sold his 458 acre farm at Utica, Mich. Probably the biggest disappointment of all was when he auctioned off his 35 prize horses.

The story of a champion is big purses and large expenses. Statistics on Louis' second fight with Walcott are cited to show how he fares financially after a big match.

Louis Got 40 Per Cent

Louis collected $295,000 as his 40 per cent share of the gate and radio-television receipts, Manager Roxborough says. He will not receive any revenue from the movies for two months, but if they do as well as the $400,000 grossed by the films of the first meeting with Walcott, the retiring champion will earn $96,000. His purse then would total $391,000.

Training camp expenses, managers' fees, and incidentals reduce that amount by about 50 per cent, or $195,500. Trainer Manny Seamon was given $10,000 for his services. Bill Bottoms, chef at the Pompton Lakes, N. J., camp, was paid $5,000.

Joe Louis

Jack Dempsey

Roxborough is listed for 25 per cent of Louis' earnings after estimated expenses of $87,750. So the manager's end will be approximately $76,312. Marshall Miles, another of Joe's representatives, is paid from the title holder's share, Roxborough said.

Then Jacobs Steps In

Then the federal internal revenue collector will take roughly 60 per cent, or about $116,000, leaving a net balance for Joe of about $79,500 from his original $391,000. Promoter Mike Jacobs and Madison Square Garden split the profits, which probably would give them more than the Bomber will net.

Louis owns a 32 apartment building at 60th st. and Vernon av., Chicago, four two-flat buildings in Detroit, has a trust fund for his two children, and two annuities worth $40,000, Roxborough says. Joe also once owned the building in which he lives with his family at 4320 S. Michigan av., purchased for $12,500 in 1935. That property has been deeded to his wife, Marva.

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He's Now a Golfer

The champion has left New York City to compete in several golf tourneys. He will appear in the All-American tournament at Tam O'Shanter on Aug. 3-6. He will play his favorite pastime thru July, August, and September.

Louis has not yet formally renounced his title, but he will do so in the near future, it was said.

For his 26 championship contests, including the one in which he dethroned James J. Braddock, Louis' gross earnings total $2,615,397. The sum of $795,203 was acquired before he became champion in 1937.

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Joe Louis (Walcott--June)

Tom Meany:

PM New York, N.Y.

Movies Refresh Scribe Memories

Tues. 6-15-48

Even though the advance sale for the Louis-Walcott bout already has passed $600,000, the 20th Century Sporting Club is taking no chances on missing a million-dollar gate at Yankee Stadium a week from tomorrow night. By way of enabling the sports writers, native and imported, to brush the cob-webs of the Zale-Graziano fight from their heads, movies of the last Louis-Walcott bout were shown at the Shor A. C. yesterday.

The briefing was enjoyed by all. The films, of course, were edited, cut down from the actual 45 minutes of fighting to 17. It wasn't the sort of editing done by Jack Kearns and Jack Dempsey, a couple of hours after Dempsey's fight with Luis Firpo. They invaded the dark room of Harold McCracken, who had taken movies of the fight, and edited several frames right out of the original print. This made it impossible for anybody to clock the film with a stopwatch and determine how long it actually took Dempsey to get back from the press section to the ring.

London Writers In

A trio of London sports writers, Pete Wilson, Jim Butler and his son, Frank, were on hand along with visiting scribes from Chicago, Des Moines, Minneapolis, Cleveland and points East and West. Those who hadn't seen the Louis-Walcott fight in December were surprised at what the films showed, as, indeed, were those who had seen the first fight but were now a little fuzzy about the details.

The first thing that struck you was the almost total absence of body punches. Walcott never went for the champ's body once and Louis rarely punched Jersey Joe below the collar line. Louis, in earlier fights, had delivered some ripping, punishing blows to the body but he ignored this target entirely last December. PM

Louis Landed Hard One

Tues. 6-15-48

Another half-forgotten incident of the fight was that quite possibly the first solid punch was the hardest belt of the entire 15 rounds, harder than either of the right hands which dropped the Bomber in the first and fourth rounds. Louis clipped Walcott early in the first with a right hand which staggered him badly, much more so than the fusillade of blows in the ninth. It was shortly after this blow, however, that Walcott knocked Joe to the canvas in the first surprising knockdown, so that the power of the first Louis punch was forgotten. New York, N.Y.

It turned out that the champ's first good slam was his last. There certainly was no steam to his punches in the ninth, when he did have Walcott cornered and was flailing away at him. Louis was between the camera and Jersey Joe, which made it difficult to follow all the blows clearly, but it is reasonable to assume that if Louis had the same number of shots when he was punching properly, Walcott, or any one else, would have been stretched out like a rug. PM

After the December bout, everybody said Louis was a sucker for a right hand. Walcott had no difficulty reaching Joe with rights, twice solidly enough to dump the champ, but the movies showed that Walcott also landed frequently with left hooks. Even when Louis had him pinned against the ropes in the ninth, Walcott twice broke the champ's service with left hooks.

New York, N.Y.

No Votes for Louis

As part of the refresher course, Harry Markson, publicist of matters pugilistic, handed out mimeographed sheets of the voting of the officials for the December bout. It was interesting to note than none of the officials voted for Louis in the ninth, the one round he was certain he had won. Referee Ruby Goldstein called it even and the judges, Marty Monroe and Frank Forbes, gave it to Walcott. Tues.

Only in eight of the 15 rounds were the officials in unanimity in their scoring. All three gave Walcott the first, second, fourth and 12th rounds and Louis the third, sixth, 14th and 15th. The champ says the officials won't have to bother toting up the points after this one. 6-15-48

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Tom Meany:

PM

Louis Doesn't Sound So Sure of Himself

New York, N.Y.

Now that the Dodgers have finally won a game and no more of the club's personnel, up to a late hour last night, have fallen down stairs, it seems safe to turn one's attention away from baseball for a moment. There is the matter of two championship fights coming up, that of Rocky Graziano and Tony Zale for the middleweight title at Ruppert Stadium in Newark two weeks from tonight and that of Joe Louis and Jersey Joe Walcott for the heavyweight crown a fortnight later at Yankee Stadium.

The two champions, Graziano and Louis, have been criticized in the press of late. Rocky, who was described as a "hammer-fisted hoodlum of boxing" (*Time*, March 1), is barred in New York State. His personal record isn't much, his service record practically criminal, his ring record excellent.

Those who cover boxing and who know Graziano argue the pros and cons of his personality with as much venom as Rocky himself carries into the ring. The only point on which they are in agreement is that his suspension by the State Athletic Commission was silly. He has been barred, as everybody must know by now, for failing to report a bribe he didn't accept for a fight which was never held. Wed. 5-26-48

Rock Tiger in Ring

Of Graziano's fighting ability, there can be no criticism. He is a tiger in the ring, one of the most devastating punchers, and one of the most reckless, in years. Of the art of boxing itself, he knows rather less than a Hindu but he punches so fast and so furiously that nobody yet has showed up capable of giving him any lessons.

Zale, who knocked out Rocky in New York and then had the favor returned in Chicago, was really out both times. Anybody who visited the dressing rooms after the New York fight and saw Zale gasping for breath and the Rock as fresh as a daisy would never have guessed that Tony had retained his title.

Louis is being currently criticized on two counts, his weight and his attitude toward Walcott. The middle-aged spread has caught up with the champ and there is no chance of his shedding it in the four weeks remaining. Joe has seen fit to make disparaging comments about the fighter who humiliated him last December, which is not in line with Louis at all.

Louis fought a dull, plodding, uninspired fight against Walcott. He had no steam to his punches, no zing to his attack. Jersey Joe was picking off his punches in mid-flight and beating him to the draw with his counter punches all evening. Walcott certainly should have been declared the winner that night PM

Not so Sure Now?

Why Louis, who has been a credit to his profession and to his race, the human race, for over a decade should suddenly decide to sneer at Walcott is inexplicable. The champ, to be sure, held Jersey Joe too cheaply last time, but not as cheaply as he pretends to now.

One answer may be that the Louis ego was terrifically wounded in the Walcott fight. Joe isn't conceited, but he has great pride in his pugilistic prowess, and the ancient Walcott publicly humiliated him. New York, N.Y.

Aside from the second bout with Schmeling, Louis always has been an automaton in the ring. He measured his man for the knockout with all the cold precision of a surgeon performing an appendectomy. He knew he had the weapons to accomplish his goal when the opportunity presented. Maybe he isn't so sure any longer. 5-26-48

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NAPS THROUGH BROADCAST

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Walcott Puts Joe Louis to Sleep--(It's a Fact!)

The Press Detroit, Mich.

Sat. 4-17-48

Sleep, sleep, wonderful sleep!

The radio in a million American homes droned Friday night with Announcer Don Dunphy in his best ring-side voice.

"Round One—the heavyweight championship of the world at stake. Joe Louis versus Jersey Joe Walcott. Walcott landed two left jabs to Louis' head. Walcott moved away from Louis. The champion landed a terrific right to the head and a left to the head. Walcott came back with a right to the head. Walcott landed a right to the head. Louis is DOWN. There's the count. ONE, TWO. Louis is up. He stung Walcott with a right to the head at the bell."

"ROUND FOUR—Louis landed a left to the face and took a hard left to the head in return. Louis landed a left and a right. They exchanged lefts to the head. Walcott landed a hard right to the jaw that dropped Louis. ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, FIVE, SIX, SEVEN. Louis is UP."

Sat. 4-17-48

On and on it went for 15 rounds. Then the surprising decision of Louis—The Winner and Still Champion.

Fans who were late tuning in on the weekly fight broadcast were surprised to find Louis versus Walcott. The explanation was that the regular fight program at Madison Square Garden was cancelled.

In its place the American Broadcasting Co. substituted a rebroadcast of the battle between Louis and Walcott last Dec. 5.

The Press

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BUT THE broadcast lost a decision to sleep, wonderful sleep, in Joe Louis' newly established camp at Bloomingdale, Mich.

Louis arrived at the camp to begin preparations for his return fight with Walcott. Under strict orders from Manager John Roxborough, the camp was closed to newspapermen until next week.

Detroit, Mich.

Trainer Mannie Seamon was the "watchdog" who kept Louis cloistered.

Sat. 4-17-48

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WOULD JOE listen to the rebroadcast of his battle with Walcott?

"No," said Seamon, "We'll be in bed by that time. He's here to rest."

Sleep, sleep, wonderful sleep!

LOUIS WORKS HARD, CUTS WEIGHT TO 220

The Times

Champion Sharper in 4 Rounds of Outdoor Sparring—Gives, Takes, Stiff Wallops

Fri. 5-28-48

POMPTON LAKES, N. J., May 27 (AP)—Joe Louis boxed four sharp rounds and suffered a bloody nose today in his first outdoor workout leading to defense of his heavyweight title June 23 against Jersey Joe Walcott.

Louis apparently has his weight well under control, contrary to reports that flew around in fight circles after recent news photographs showed him with bulging jowls.

He now weighs 220, and Trainer Manny Seamon said the champion would enter the ring at Yankee Stadium at 214 to 216. Obviously the champion has made much conditioning progress in recent days.

Although Walcott floored Louis twice when they met in December, and in the opinion of the referee and many spectators gained the decision over the champion; Louis still does not regard him as a tough foe.

"I rate Walcott with Johnny Paychek, King Levinsky and Al Ettore," said the solemn-faced Joe in response to a question.

Louis knocked out Paychek in two rounds, Levinsky in one and Ettore in five.

Lands Hard Lefts

Fri.

Reminded that Walcott recently said he admired Louis as a gentleman inside the ring and out, Louis replied that he had never made any digs at Walcott's character.

"I just never did like them up and down guys in the ring," he said. "Not the first time, anyway."

Louis' first sparring partner today, Johnny Hubbard, 185-pounder from Milwaukee, fights like Walcott, with feints and a shifty sideways motion. Louis landed a couple of hard lefts but Hubbard bloodied the champion's nose.

For most of the round Louis stood still and let Hubbard circle around him. Louis was criticized after the Walcott fight for not making Jersey Joe come at him. Instead he pursued the challenger and took some stiff rights when Walcott's style fooled him.

Louis boxed one round each with Hubbard, McKinley English, Richard Hagan and Tiger Roy Taylor. Louis gave Hagan a bloody nose and generally moved around the ring like a man in command of the situation. 5-28-48

Walcott to Resume Ground

The Times

GRENLOCH, N. J., May 27 (AP)—Jersey Joe Walcott was told today it would be okay for him to resume training Saturday for his return bout with Joe Louis. New York, N.Y.

Walcott's physician said the foot blister which had put the fighter on the sidelines was disappearing and Jersey Joe could work out through the entire holiday weekend. Fri. 5-28-48

The blister became aggravated Tuesday and Walcott was ordered to take a rest.

PREPARING FOR THE DEFENSE OF HIS HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE

The Times New York, N.Y. Fri. 5-28-48

Joe Louis during sparring match with Dick Hagan at Pompton Lakes, N. J., yesterday

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Jacobs Sees Louis-Walcott Bout Drawing Million-Dollar Gate

Herald Trib.

Herald Tribune

$659,000 Already Assured, Promoter Predicts Wednesday's Return Title Match Will Reach $800,000 and May Hit Higher Figure

Thurs.

New York, N.Y. 6-17-48

By Jesse Abramson

With Joe Louis restricting his day's activity to roadwork and Jersey Joe Walcott merely taking a walk, which can be construed as an essential part of his training, interest in the impending heavyweight title bout centered in the box office and in the officials yesterday.

Uncle Mike Jacobs, who visits Cousin Sol Strauss daily in the 20th Century S. C. offices, disclosed yesterday that $659,000 is in the cash-boxes or on gilt-edge order.

"It will hit $800,000, may go to a million," said Uncle Mike, the champion in the gate-predicting business. Cousin Sol concurred.

As things stand now this is the fifth best gate in which Louis has participated. It will surely go down in the records as No. 4 in the champion's financial derby. The Louis gates he will not match are: $1,925,564 for the second Conn fight: $1,015,012 for the second Schmeling fight, and $1,000,832 for the Max Baer bout two years before he became champion. His fourth best gate which will be eclipsed is $715,470 for the Chicago bout with Jimmy Braddock. The three million-dollar bouts fought by Louis took place in the Yankee Stadium, where he meets Jersey Joe next Wednesday night.

May Not Use Same Officials

Herald Tribune

The size of the gate is a tribute to the heated controversy engendered by the decision last December. The fight itself, except for the high moments of the first and fourth-round knockdowns, the mounting suspense of a challenger going the limit against Louis and the championship involved, was a battle of the ages—thirty-four-year-old ages, that is.

One of the visitors who picked up $2,000 worth of ringside seats yesterday was Frank Forbes, promotion director of the Negro American and National Baseball Leagues, which will hold their joint meeting here Tuesday through no coincidence whatever. Forbes bought a ticket, too. He doesn't expect to sit dead-center, first row, as he did last Dec. 5 when his vote of eight rounds for Louis, six for Walcott, one even, proved to be one of the two votes which saved the title for Louis.

New York, N.Y.

"It is the policy of the State Athletic Commission under Colonel Eddie Egan not to use the same officials in a return match," said Forbes. Thurs. 6-17-48

That would mean that Marty Monroe, who voted 9-6 for Louis, and Ruby Goldstein, referee, who balloted 7-6-2 for Walcott, are also ineligible under the policy.

However, it's a policy, not a rule. Louis has put himself on record as not opposing Goldstein as referee. In fact he didn't care who the officials were. If it isn't Goldstein, owing to policy, then Eddie Joseph, Frank Fullam and Arthur Donovan jump to the fore as likely referees. They are the only New York referees who have worked a Louis championship bout.

Speculation on the officials is not as acadamic as it once was where Louis is concerned. Although Big Joe says he "expects to win quick," the chances for another fifteen-rounder are good. Walcott's only gamble may be that the decision this time falls his way. He figures to fight the same fight, two-stepping, side-stepping, pivoting, walking, feinting, countering rapidly and disengaging. In his book he won with these tactics last time, so why change them? In his book, Jersey Joe doesn't have to be any better.

Preliminary Bouts Set

The rest of the Louis-Walcott fight card was arranged by Chickie Bogad, 20th Century matchmaker, yesterday. The six-round semi-final will pit Curtis Sheppard, Walcott sparmate, against Alfredo Lagay, of Argentina, who has won his four bouts in this country.

The other six-round heavyweight pairings will be Roland LaStarza and Fenny Rusk, both unbeaten in twenty-one and twelve starts respectively; and McKinley English and Austin Johnson, from the rival camps. In four-rounders Wade Chancey meets Richard Hagan, Danny Bucceroni faces Tony Jess, Phil Berman meets Eddie Neugutin and Don Mogard meets James Patrick Connelly.

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Joe Louis (Walcott--June)

LOUIS AND WALCOTT SIGN FOR TITLE BOUT

The Times

Champion to Launch Training in Michigan and Challenger at Grenloch, N. J., Camp

New York, N. Y.

By JOHN RENDEL

Joe Louis, the champion, and Jersey Joe Walcott, Camden (N. J.) Negro, who almost unseated him last December, spent the early part of yesterday afternoon writing their names and blinking at flash bulbs during contract-signing rites leading to a return heavyweight title bout in the Yankee Stadium next June 23.

The formalities took place in Room 500 of the State Office Building where the State Athletic Commission conducts such affairs. They included the customary fanfare attending heavyweight championship signings, but most important to the principals were the terms of the four contracts each was called on to sign. Thurs.

Those embraced the fight itself and cash settlements for radio, television and motion-picture rights. Louis will get 40 per cent of the net gate and the same percentage of receipts derived from th emovies, radio and television. Walcott settled for 20 per cent from the same sources except for the movies, from which he will get 22½ per cent. A Twentieth Century Sporting Club spokesman said that was a larger slice of the motion-picture returns than a challenger usually received. 4-15-48

Road Work Planned

Louis said afterward he was leaving to begin his preparations at Roane's Farm, Bloomingdale, Mich., about 160 miles from Detroit and twenty-five from Kalamazoo. There his workouts will be light but will include plenty of road work. His main work will be at Pompton Lakes, N. J., beginning May 20.

On the subject of weight, the Brown Bomber admited to being only ten pounds more than 214 he expects to scale for the bout, which he held to be just right. Walcott, who will leave for his training quarters at Grenloch, N. J., today, said he weighed about 200 and would whittle down to about 194. His preliminary work will last to May 15, when he will start boxing drills. The Times

Walcott's entourage included his attorney, Mitchell Cohen, but not his manager, Joe Webster, a circumstance leading to speculation on dissension between them. The contract between the boxer and manager expires in a few weeks. Louis was accompanied by his manager, Marshall Miles, and Attorney Truman Gibson.

Eddie Eagan, chairman, in whose office a 20-minute meeting was held prior to the signing, and C. B. Powell represented the State Athletic Commission.

New York, N. Y.

$5,000 Forfeits Posted

Before the boxers left, each posted the customary $5,000 forfeit check, as did Sol Strauss of Twentieth Centry, the promoter. The ceremonies were to have begun at noon but the principals were late arriving, Louis by 35 minutes, Walcott by about 45. Heavy traffic was given as the reason. Thurs.

At the signing, as they posed under the lights of the motion picture cameras, Walcott looked the champion steadfastly right in the eye as if to indicate that he would never freeze as did Billy Conn in a second meeting with the Bomber.

Chairman Eagan sat between the fighters as the cameras ground. Eight times the rivals reached across his chest and shook hands, smiling the while. Afterward Louis, who weighed 211 against Walcott the last time, said: 4-15-48

"I'll be heavier and stronger and won't do any of that drying out like last time. When I catch Jersey Joe this time he won't get away—that much I know."

Of movies, a Twentieth Century Sporting Club representative volunteered that the first Louis-Walcott pictures already had netted more than $700,000 and that the foreign market hadn't been fully explored.

A HANDSHAKE AFTER SIGNING FOR RETURN ENGAGEMENT

The Times New York, N. Y. Thurs 4-15-48

Thurs. 4-15-48 The Times New York, N. Y.

Joe Louis (left) and Jersey Joe Walcott after putting signatures to contract at State Athletic Commission offices yesterday. Between them is Eddie Eagan, commission chairman. The New York Times

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Is Louis Too Far Over Hill To Come Back?

The News Age Herald

Birmingham, Ala.

BY GRANTLAND RICE
North American Newspaper Alliance

NEW YORK, May 27—We have heard many experts and insiders, in discussing the Louis-Walcott contest, melee or joust, refer frequently to the fact that Louis is always much more dangerous in his second time around.

Sun.

This was true of the Louis of prewar years. But what many overlook is this: No one can say just how far Louis has gone. It is quite possible that is so far over the hill that there can be no returning. Not even halfway back.

I was talking with an oldtime fighter yesterday. "I don't think." he said, "that Joe Louis will have much to offer. I don't believe he can show any improvement to speak of. Joe's chance to win depends on Walcott's weakness—not on any Louis greatness. 6-6-48

"I know Louis has taken deep pride in his title. But I don't believe he has any deeper pride than Jack Dempsey had. But that didn't help Dempsey when his time came.'

"HOW WOULD you compare Louis at this stage with the Dempsey, who fought Tunney?" I asked

"I would say today that Dempsey was a much better fighter in 1926 and 1927 than Louis is today. Jack wasn't the fighter he had been from 1919 through 1923. But he had more speed than Louis, he was more aggressive and he could punch as hard.

"Don't forget that Dempsey knocked Tunney down for the long count, and Jersey Joe Walcott isn't even close to Tunney's class. In fact, Walcott doesn't belong in the same state with Tunney—that is, the Tunney of 1927—much less the same ring.

"I wouldn't know how a Louis-Dempsey fight would come out when both were at their peak. But I know that Dempsey in his last two fights though beaten, was a far better fighter Louis is today. Louis has gone back farther than anyone knows. But, after all, he has been on top longer than anyone else, so his drop can be excused."

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I RAN INTO GENE TUNNEY and it was only natural that we should discuss the Louis-Walcott shindig late in June.

"I'll have to be rooting for Joe Louis," Tunney said. "He has been a fine boxer and a strong, two-handed puncher. He has never fought a foul fight. Up to the first Walcott fight, at least, he has never had an alibi. I know Louis has been a credit to the fight game throughout his career.

"Now," Tunney continued, "it would be different if we had a young, hustling fighter just coming up. I don't think Louis would have a chance against anyone of that calibre. But, after all, Walcott has never shown in a long and harried career that he was a real champion. He had trouble, a lot of trouble, with second-raters who were poor fighters. Briefly, it wouldn't look too good to see Jersey Joe Walcott the heavyweight champion of the world."

Solid Family Man—Max Baer—Selects Walcott Over Louis

SAN DIEGO, Calif., May 28—(AP)—Meet Max Baer—solid citizen, man of family and finances.

That's the picture the onetime heavyweight boxing champ, the madcap Maxie gave of himself in his recent appearance here.

One indication he's become settled and sage—he's cautious about picking winners in advance. For instance, Louis or Joe Walcott.

"You want to know if I like Louis or Walcott? Well, I got a stock answer, even if I am a little crafty about getting Maxie out on a limb.

"I always say a hungry fighter is a good one. And that's Walcott. He's got six kids and a wife to feed. I think he'll do better this time against Louis."

Leaders Fete Louis At Civic Dinner

Daily World

Atlanta, Ga.

POMPTON LAKES, N. J.—(NNPA) Three hundred leaders in civic affairs and sport paid tribute last night to Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis at a dinner sponsored by the Pompton Lakes Chamber of Commerce at the Northwood Inn.

Pompton Lakes Councilman Harry Cozzens Jr. presented Louis a plaque inscribed:

"In sincere appreciation of the many kind deeds you have performed and the many kind words you have uttered in behalf of a grateful community." Tues. 5-25-48

Speakers included Mayor Harry Davenport of Pompton Lakes, President Abe J. Greene of the National Boxing Association; Al Buck of the New York Boxing Writers Association; Truman K. Gibson, Jr., Louis attorney; Herman Distler, Newark Lawyer, an Sol Strauss of the Twentieth Century Sporting Club. Sanuel S. Mochimson, president of the Chamber of Commerce, was toastmaster.

Daily World Atlanta, Ga.

Louis is in training at Pompton Lakes for the thirteenth year.

Louis' Good Shape

Okay by Walcott; 'No Help Wanted'

The Constitution

GRENLOCH, N. J., June 2.—(AP)—Jersey Joe Walcott said Wednesday he was glad to hear Joe Louis is in such good shape because "I want him with all his strength, so he'll be able to go a few rounds before I take care of him."

Atlanta, Ga.

The challenger made this comment after hearing that the heavyweight champion was just one pound over his desired fighting weight for their return bout at Yankee Stadium June 23.

"I don't want to have to knock him out right away because that wouldn't be giving the customers their money's worth," Walcott said. Thurs 6-3-48

Jersey Joe took his usual Wednesday off from boxing and confined his activities to six miles of road work.

Desserts OUT at Pompton!

Daily Worker

Golf isn't the only thing oJe Louis has given up in order to reach his finest fighting form for his title defense against Jersey Joe Walcott at the Yankee Stadium June

New York N.Y.

On the day the champion arrived at his camp in Pompton Lakes, he said to Bill Bottoms, his chef:

"Bill, I don't want any desserts served to me until after the fight. And if I can go without it, so can all the rest of the boys. That means Marshall Miles (Joe's manager), Manny Seamon (his trainer), and the sparring partners, too."

Wed

5-26-48

This represents quite a change in the training table at the Louis camp, for Joe has always been a big eater of sweets. Always in the past a big portion of ice cream was served for dessert every night after dinner.

Daily Worker

But at this camp there is no ice cream, no puddings, and no cake.

New York, N.Y.

Joe eats two hearty meals every day but he never eats between meals or before going to bed. Here is a sample breakfast: orange juice, six stewed prunes, three slices of liver, fried onions, two boiled eggs, tea and toast but no butter.

At 5 o'clock in the evening he has his second meal. Generally it's fresh fruit salad, chicken soup, celery and olives, roast turkey, stewed corn, green beans, and tea.

Wed.

5-26-48

Joe gets up every morning at 6 o'clock and goes on the road for six miles. Before hitting the road he drinks an eight-ounce glas of carrot juice. He says it's healthy and good for the eye sight.

LOUIS REITERATES VICTORY FORECAST

The Times

New York, N.Y.

Heavyweight Champion Arrives to Start Final Phase of Training for Walcott

Wed. 5-19-48

By WILLIAM J. BRIORDY

Reiterating an earlier prediction that he will knock out the challenger in their scheduled fifteen-round title fight at Yankee Stadium June 23, heavyweight champion Joe Louis arrived yesterday morning from Bloomingdale, Mich., to open **the final stage of training for his battle with Jersey Joe Walcott.**

Louis, who has been at the Bloomingdale camp since April 15, came into town still sporting a heavy growth of beard. The champion was met at Grand Central by his manager, Marshall Miles; Promoter Sol Strauss, acting head of the Twentieth Century Sporting Club, newspapermen and photographers.

Giving the impression that he is in fine shape, Louis first attended to the matter of removing his beard and then left for his Pompton Lakes, N. J., training base. The Brown Bomber said his present weight is 222 pounds, that he had dropped ten pounds at his Michigan camp and figures to shave off seven more at Pompton Lakes.

First Boxing Drill Today

The Times

Louis loosened up at Pompton Lakes in the afternoon. He will have a similar drill today and then engage in his first boxing session tomorrow. The champion will be honored tonight at a dinner that is to be tendered by the Pompton Lakes Chamber of Commerce.

Included in the party accompanying Louis on the trip East was his trainer, Manny Seamon. The members of Louis' camp, according to Seamon, are impressed by the champion's mental attitude. Seamon said Joe is physically better than prior to his first meeting with Walcott.

New York, N.Y.

Also in the champion's party was his lawyer, Truman Gibson; Sergt. Carl Nelson, who acts as bodyguard for Joe; Theodore Jones, auditor; Romain John, camp secretary, and John Roxborough, camp director. Bill Bottoms, Louis' chef for many years, will again be in charge of the food department at Pompton Lakes.

Wed 5-19-48

At present the champion has four heavyweight sparring mates, McKinley English, Richard Hagan, John Hubbard and Roy Taylor.

LOUIS IS REPORTED IN FINE CONDITION

The Times

New York, N.Y.

Champion Found in Excellent Shape After Examination—Young Off Garden Card

Wed 6-2-48

By WILLIAM J. BRIORDY

Rumors to the effect that heavyweight champion Joe Louis was overweight and not in physical trim for the defense of his title against Jersey Joe Walcott on June 23 at Yankee Stadium were dispelled yesterday.

Part of the champion's program at his Pompton Lakes (N. J.) training base was to undergo a formal examination by Dr. Vincent Nardiello of the New York State Athletic Commission.

Dr. Nardiello said that there is marked improvement in Joe's physical condition over that of when he examined the Brown Bomber for his first clash with Walcott. In fact, the doctor added, Louis is in better shape now than when he entered the ring for the second time against Billy Conn.

To make it complete, Dr. Nardiello declared the champion's condition, both mentally and physically, is excellent. By way of verifying that statement, Lewis said he felt better than at any time since he left the service.

Louis Weighs 216 Pounds

The Times

Louis' heart, lungs, reflexes and eyes are normal, according to Dr. Nardiello. The champion's pulse counted 70, while his blood pressure was 132 over 90. After exercising his pulse was 90, blood pressure 140 over 94.

With William Miller, supervisor of weights and measures for Passaic County, officiating, a tested scale was brought to the camp to determine Louis' weight. He scaled exactly 216 pounds.

Wed

Appearing to be in fine shape, the champion said he figures his weight will be 214 for the meeting with Walcott. Asked if he plans to box again following the June 23 engagement, Louis replied: "I don't know if I'll change my mind or not."

New York, N.Y.

Joe boxed six rounds outdoors yesterday, going one against Johnny Hubbard, two with McKinley English, two with Richard Hagan and one with Roy Taylor. The titleholder is scheduled to box twelve more times before he climbs through the ropes to face Walcott. At Grenloch, N. J., Walcott's drill was confined chiefly to roadwork.

6-2-48

'Alley Man' Law Gets Heave-Ho

The Press

Detroit, Mich.

Sat. 4-17-48

Indianapolis Awarded the Nod for 1950

BY W. W. EDGAR

Out of the flood of amendments offered for approval, the delegates to the American Bowling Congress made five major decisions Friday.

They retained the restriction against Negroes and other non-Caucasians in sanctioned competition; tossed out the much discussed "alley man" rule; approved the use of more than three pieces in laminated pins; approved a use of a foul detector; and voted to take over complete jurisdiction of the annual ABC tournament.

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THE EXPECTED battle with the Bowling Proprietors of America, Inc., over the proposal to lift certification certificates failed to materialize when the proprietors accepted a compromise.

The Press

The amendment was changed to provide a hearing before the ABC legal committee for any alley owner charged with conduct detrimental to bowling.

At the conclusion of the lengthy session the delegates voted the 1950 tournament to Indianapolis. There were no other bidders. St. Paul placed a bid for the 1951 show. The 1949 tourney will be held in Atlantic City.

From the bowlers' standpoint the removal of the "alley man" rule was the most important.

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FOR MORE than 10 years this rule has been the bug-a-boo of the all-stars.

Detroit, Mich.

It provided that no more than one member of any team be a man whose major livelihood was obtained from the bowling game.

With the rule wiped off the books, bowling teams now may have anyone who is sanctioned to compete.

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The decision to retain the "racial discrimination" clause in the constitution came in face of a challenge from Walter P. Reuther, president of the UAW (CIO) for a "fight to the finish" if the clause was not removed.

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THE DELEGATES also voted approval to Elmer H. Baumgarten, the veteran secretary (whose present term doesn't end until 1950), to retire at any time with an annual pension of $5,000 a year.

The Press

Before the afternoon session opened the National Bowling Writers Association presented their 1947 "Bowler of the Year" trophy to Buddy Bomar, captain of the National Champion Kathryn team.

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They also awarded a plaque to Mort Luby, publisher of the National Bowlers' Journal for his work in the interest of the game.

The writers also announced that they would select a "Woman Bowler of the Year" for the first time next season.

Detroit, Mich.

PAUL WALKER, of the Columbus Dispatch, was named president of the Association; Fred Wolf, of Station WXYZ, vice president, and John Walter, of the Detroit News, treasurer.

Meanwhile, there were no changes among the leaders on the tournament alleys at the State Fair Coliseum.

JOE LOUIS RETURNS FROM TRIP ABROAD

The Times

Champion, Portly and in Good Humor, Talks of Training for Joe Walcott Bout

New York, N.Y.

Tues. 4-13-48

A portly Joe Louis returned to these shores last night aboard the Queen Elizabeth of the Cunard Line. The heavyweight champion of the world, natty and completely at ease, was glad to be home after a six-week tour abroad, where he engaged in sparring exhibitions in London and Brussels, and paid a hasty visit to Paris.

Accompanied by his wife Marva, his manager, trainer and several personal friends, the Brown Bomber was the center of an admiring group of greeters as the ship docked, and was the target for a barrage of questions, most of which he answered frankly.

There was one query, though, that he ducked persistently, i. e., "How much do you weigh, Joe?" It was hurled at him often, and almost as often did he reply, "I don't know." At length he yielded to the point of saying that he had not bothered to weigh himself during the entire trip, but that he felt in top shape just the same.

Impressed By Only One

Questioned about the heavyweight crop abroad, the Bomber replied that he was unimpressed by all except Randolph Turpin, an Englishman who showed some promise. During his stay in London Louis sparred a total of ninety-four rounds against local opposition for a promotion that was not a financial success, although the champion received his guarantee. He also appeared in two exhibitions in Brussels, where he performed before sell-out crowds.

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The Bomber's next ring appearance will be against Jersey Joe Walcott in defense of his crown at the Yankee Stadium on June 23. All his immediate plans center on the Walcott bout, for which he will sign formal articles at the New York State Athletic Commission tomorrow. Today he and Walcott, along with a number of other ring celebrities, will appear at a reception at the Essex House for the benefit of Sydenham Hospital and its campaign to continue as an inter-racial hospital. Louis is co-chairman of the Sydenham Fellowship.

Louis will begin preliminary training for the Walcott bout next week at Bloomfield, Mich. And when the fight is over, the Bomber plans to take to the political stump. He did not say which candidate he would support, explaining that he thought Henry Wallace was a "good man," but that he was also impressed by President Truman's stand on civil rights.

Puts Off Naming "The Round"

The Times

Commenting on the coming Walcott match, Louis declined to name "the round" but indicated that he would do so later on. As regards a proposed bout with Gus Lesnevich, the champion said that he had not given the matter any thought.

New York, N.Y.

The champion referred often to his meeting in London with Tommy Farr, who went fifteen rounds with him here in 1937. He seemed unable to get over the fact that the Welshman had put on weight, that he now scales 235 pounds as against the 190 or so that was his best weight as a boxer.

4-13-48

Strangely, Louis himself looked pretty close to 235. He said that he had had a steak a day in London, and th tahis weight was of little concern to him, predicting that he woud his 214 for Walcott, as against the 211 he weighed for their last fight in December.

Louis Talk Against Walcott Ill Advised

PM

New York, N.Y.

By WHITNEY MARTIN

Associated Press Writer

Tues. 5-25-48

Joe Louis says that Jersey Joe Walcott isn't game, and if he means Jersey Joe isn't some wild creature that can be stalked and trapped he's probably right. At least the champion didn't have much luck trapping him the last time.

If he means Walcott just doesn't have a resolute heart when it comes to fist fighting we think he is wrong, and that the assertion was another ill-advised bit of oral exercise. Louis has been full of sour grapes since his narrow squeeze in his bout with Walcott last December, and a lot of people don't like sour grapes.

These sour grapes — or gripes might be the better word — have been liberally sprinkled with alibis. The champion dried out too much before their last bout. His reflexes were operating in waltz time. He didn't have his strength. He didn't have this and he didn't have that.

Out of Character

PM

Such an attitude is strictly out of character for the man everyone had regarded with tremendous respect through his long reign as champion. When he won, it always was "another lucky night, I guess." And that was all. He won over Walcott as far as the record is concerned, but the very fact he is brooding about it and belittling Jersey Joe indicates he isn't too sure he deserved the decision.

In accusing Walcott of lack of gameness the champion put himself in the position of a guy with an axe in his hand chasing a turkey and yelling: "Come here and let me whack at your neck, you cowardly so-and-so." New York, N.Y.

Because Walcott wouldn't stand still and let the champion work on him with those axes which pass as fists is no reflection on Jersey Joe's gameness. Rather, it is a tribute to his mental agility. Tues. 5-25-48

On their respective records, Walcott could not expect to stand up to Louis in a toe-to-toe slugging match. He fought what might be called a cute fight and, in the minds of a great many spectators, should have been declared the winner. If that was lack of gameness, a lot of fellows who fought Louis in the last 10 years would have done much better if they had a little of the same.

No Boon to Popularity

PM

We have seen neither Louis nor Walcott since they started training for their meeting on June 23. But, even if the pictures we saw of the champion when he returned from Europe indicated he was carrying about 200 pounds and dragging 50 more, at this writing we still think he will win by a knockout the next time out. New York, N.Y.

Maybe we are overly influenced by memories of the Louis of other fights—the sleek, stalking, deadly panther. Maybe we are putting too much stress on his tremendous pride. After all, maybe Walcott is proud, too, and just because a man is proud doesn't mean he has the physical equipment to do anything he pleases. And what is it they say about pride coming before a fall?

Accusing Walcott of lack of gameness, criticizing his running tactics and otherwise making derogatory statements isn't a boon to Louis' popularity. And if Jersey Joe was running all the time, the ring posts or the referee must have given Louis some awful whops on the head. Tues. 5-25-48

The Gallup Poll

By George Gallup.

Director, American Institute of Public Opinion.

The Register

PRINCETON, N. J. — In a close split decision American sports fans give the nod to Joe Louis to retain the world heavyweight title in his return bout with Joe Walcott next June. Des Moines, Iowa

The men and women who regularly follow sports think in the ratio of 4 to 3 that the champion will win.

Editors Pick Louis.

Sat. 4-3-48

But no such mixed opinions prevail among the nation's ace forecasters, the sports editors of daily newspapers. A representative sampling of leading dailies finds the editors almost unanimously predicting a Joe Louis victory.

Field reporters for the American Institute of Public Opinion asked thousands of representative men and women throughout the country if they followed sports. Those who said they did were then asked:

"Do you think Joe Louis can beat Jersey Joe Walcott when they fight again next summer?"

The Register

The answers:

Yes, Louis will win......49%

No, Walcott will win 36

Don't know 15

If they had to place bets on the outcome, more men than women would put their money on the champion. Des Moines, Iowa

	Louis	Walcott	Don't know
Men	52%	35%	13%
Women	43	38	19

Sports editors were invited to express their views on the same question. They were given a space on the ballot to comment or "hedge" their predictions.

This is the way the 70 editors participating in poll voted: Sat. 4-3-48

Joe Louis to win....64 editors

Joe Walcott to win.. 5 editors

No opinion .... 1 editor

Twenty-three of the editors went further out on the limb than the question required of them and predicted that Louis will win by a knockout.

Eleven of those were brave enough to crawl out still further and name the round, ranging from the third to the eighth.

The Register

"An Obituary."

WALCOTT.

LOUIS.

Typical of the comments by editors in the Louis corner was this one from Smith Barrier, Greensboro, N. C., Daily News:

"Schmeling, Conn and the records will swear to the fact that a return meeting with Louis should be reported in the obituary column. Des Moines, Iowa

Louis might have been out of condition last time against Walcott, but you will never find this real American boxing champion like that twice." 4-3-48

Bill Lucas of the Tucson, Ariz., Daily Citizen, put the majority view very simply: "Remember the second Schmeling fight?"

On the Walcott side of the ring, the Cleveland, Ohio, Plain Dealer's Gordon Cobbledick had this to say: The Register

"Once they lose what Louis apparently has lost on the basis of his December fight with Walcott, they never get it back. Walcott is old but hungry. Louis is old but surfeited with soft living. You can't beat it."

Des Moines, Iowa

Joe Lovas of the Passaic Herald-News, Passaic, N. J., picks the challenger. "I was one of those who honestly believed Walcott won the first bout. The sports writers have been hammering away that Louis always wins more convincingly the second time he fights an opponent.

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"I think Walcott will shatter Louis' record this summer. Jersey Joe learned much in his first fight, knows Louis cannot take a punch, and may be looking for a one punch kayo. But he must continue to be the moving target. Louis can't hit anything that's moving."

Sports Writers Pick Louis To Win Bout With Walcott

The Advertiser

Montgomery, Ala.

NEW YORK—(AP)—Sports writers who saw the first Joe Louis-Jersey Joe Walcott fight believe the Jersey veteran has a better chance to reverse the verdict than their brethren who weren't present. Thurs.

In both cases Louis is favored to retain his title when the two Negro battlers meet again at Yankee Stadium, June 23. But close to one-third of the writers—11 or 34—who saw the first bout and who participated in a nation-wide Associated Press poll figure Jersey Joe will lift the crown. 5-27-48

The overall voting showed 230 writers lining up behind the champion with only 52 stringing along with Walcott.

The 23 first bout observers picking Louis all predict the champion will win by a knockout. The Brown Bomber won a much disputed 15-round decision last Dec. 5 in Madison Square Garden. Seven of them like the fifth round as the finisher, five favor the third and four the seventh. None expects it to go beyond the ninth.

Most of Walcott's supporters, on the other hand, figure the Camden, N. J., campaigner will outpoint Louis over the 15-round route. Eight of the 11 see a finish fight. Two pick Walcott to refrigerate Louis in the eighth and another thinks it'll be the second. 5-27-48

Of the 282 writers who made a choice—including those who did and did not witness the Dec. 5 scrap—a total of 228 predict the champion will store Walcott away somewhere along the route. The fourth and fifth are the most popular rounds. Thurs.

Only two say they expect the Brown Bomber to prevail after being carried the limit. Twenty of Walcott's backers foresee a knockout over the champ.

Three New York writers—Jimmy Powers, of The Daily News; Wilbur Wood, of The New York, Sun, and Max Kase, of The Journla American — favor Walcott. 5-27-48

Three others—Dan Parker, of The Daily Mirror; Joseph P. Val, of The World Telegram, and Harry Singer, of The Post-Home News—line-up with Louis.

Louis Whipping Into Shape For Walcott's Challenge

The Advertiser

Montgomery, Ala.

By WHITNEY MARTIN

POMTON LAKES, N. J.—(AP)—Joe Louis stalked, jabbed and retreated for four rounds Thursday against four different sparring partners in one of his better workouts for his heavyweight title defense against Jersey Joe Walcott next Wednesday night. Fri.

The Brown Bomber, who gave the shortest mass interview on record before the drill, had trouble with only one of the sparmates, Tiger Roy Taylor. Taylor, a Walcott model, ducked and sidestepped and played the ropes expertly and gave Louis few chances to get a solid crack at him. 6-18-48

Against the other three men—Shamus O'Brien, McKinley English and Richard Hagan, Louis jabbed methodically with a sharp left, and rarely brought over his right. It was obvious he was using the left to lull his opponents into forgetting he had a right hand, and when this was accomplished, the right would crash over accurately. Fri. 6-18-48

The champion weighed 215 1-2 before the workout, and appeared relaxed and in excellent spirits. He bounced abruptly into the room where a score of writers were assembled for an interview.

Joe Louis Tips Scales At 216; Is In Top Form

The Courier-Journal

By WHITNEY MARTIN.

Pompton Lakes, N. J., June 1 (AP)—The mystery concerning the weight and general condition of Joe Louis was solved today. Louisville, Ky.

Disturbed by rumors that the heavyweight champion was overweight and might seek a postponement of his title bout with Jersey Joe Walcott, scheduled June 23, the New York State Commission sent its physician, Dr. Vincent Nardiello, to give Joe the once-over. Wed.

"He's in better condition, mentally and physically, than he was last November 30, just before the first Walcott fight," the doctor reported after making the usual blood pressure, pulse, reflex and other tests. "From a mental standpoint, he obviously is taking this fight much more seriously than he did the last one." 6-2-48

REAL STORY

The champion really looked in fine condition, but the scales told the real story. With newspapermen and the superintendent of the Passaic County weights and measures department as witnesses, Louis stepped on the scales. Wed.

They balanced at 216; After the weigh-in Louis said, "I will still weigh 215 pounds for the fight." 6-2-48

Louis went through six rounds of boxing for the fourth consecutive day, running his total rounds to date to 40. He went one round with Johnny Hubbard of Milwaukee, two each with McKinley English of Detroit and Richard Hagan of Chicago, and one with Tiger Roy Taylor of New York.

Louis Reaches 215 Pounds, Reduces Work

The Courier-Journal

Louisville, Ky.

11 Days of Sparring To End Heavy Training

Fri. 6-4-48

Pompton Lakes, N. J., June 3 (AP)—Heavyweight champion Joe Louis reached his self-appointed goal of 215 pounds today and cut the amount of sparring to four rounds. There still is three weeks, less one day, before he meets Jersey Joe Walcott in Yankee Stadium June 23.

Louis has boxed 44 rounds since coming here in mid-May. His schedule calls for 11 more days of boxing. Today he went one round each with Johnny Hubbard, McKinley English, Richard Hagan and Roy Taylor.

Louis will not enter the ring tomorrow but will box six rounds Saturday and six more Sunday.

Champion Still Open to Rights

By JACK HAND

POMPTON LAKES, N. J., June 15 (AP)—For a man who says he "expects to win quickly," heavyweight champion Joe Louis still is shockingly easy to hit with a straight right hand. PM

This chink in the Brown Bomber's armor was quite evident today as he went four rounds with assorted sparmates in preparation for his title defense against Jersey Joe Walcott at Yankee Stadium a week from tomorrow night.

Dick Hagan, an ex-Golden Glove heavyweight champ from Chicago, scored consistently with a right shot to the head before Tiger Roy Taylor, a 180-pounder from New York, put on a cagy imitation of Walcott. Promoter Mike Jacobs was an interested spectator.

The champ definitely will continue work through Monday with four more scheduled boxing sessions. He will spar again Thursday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. New York, N.Y.

Boxed Five Rounds

Louis boxed one round each with Hagan, Thfbor, Shamus O'Brien and McKinley English after undergoing a preliminary physical examination by Dr. Vincent Nardiello, New York commission physician. He was pronounce[d] "much improved" over his condition before the first Walcott fight last December. Wed.

Once more Louis said he "did not think much of Walcott as a fighter." However, he qualified this a bit when he added, "Maybe I don't know how good he is because I just think I fought a bad fight. Maybe the best way to say it is that I was overtrained. I'd rather be undertrained than overtrained anytime. Now, when I'm in shape, I'll be able to tell better about him." 6-16-48

Louis to Box Daily

The Courier-Journal

Louisville, Ky.

Pompton Lakes, N. Y., May 28 (AP)—Heavyweight champion Joe Louis had it easy today but was told that he will box at least six rounds each day from tomorrow on until he meets Jersey Joe Walcott in Yankee Stadium June 23. Sat.

Trainer Manny Seamon said there was nothing wrong with Louis that active ring workouts could not cure. 5-29-48

Psychiatrist Gives Dope On the Fight

The Constitution

Atlanta, Ga.

Condensed From AP, UP and INS

Wed. 6-23-48

After its stable of sports writers ran out of adjectives, the AP dispatched **Dr. J. L. Moreno**, psychiatrist and physician, to **Joe Louis'** Pompton Lakes training camp.

The doctor made a thorough investigation and in a highly technical report informed the eager world that the Louis of 1935 threw three times as many punches as the Louis of today and the blows packed 10 times more pain.

Psychiatrist-Physician Moreno is undecided about the outcome of tonight's scrap. However, he offers the information that long pauses may irritate Louis, reduce his concentration and feeling of confidence. Wed. 6-23-48

At Yankee Stadium

Louis Knocks Out Walcott In the Eleventh Round

The Post

Washington, D.C.

Lewis won by a knockout in the eleventh.

Sat.

New York, June 26.—Things were pretty even between Jersey Joe Walcott and Champion Joe Louis after eight rounds of their heavyweight title fight here tonight. 6-26-48

Walcott floored the champion for no count with a short left in the third round and shook Louis up a little in the fifth but the champ weathered both flurries.

ROUND ONE

There was a slight delay as the gloves were put on the fighters. Both fighters received big hands from the crowd but the ovation for the champion was greater. They circled cautiously in midring. Walcott flicked out a left to the head with the first blow of the fight. Walcott tapped another left to head and another left to the body. Walcott was side-stepping as he did in the previous fight. Walcott tapped another light left to the head and took a left hook to the head for Louis' first blow to the head. Walcott flicked another left and took a left to the body in exchange. Louis was moving in steadily as Walcott stepped away. Walcott poked a left to the head of the champion and came back with another left to the body. Louis missed two lefts and received a light left to the head for his efforts. Louis ripped after Walcott with a left and right to the body. Walcott slapped a left to Louis' face and then danced away again from the pursuing champion as the bell sounded.

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Washington, D.C.

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Washington, D.C.

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After Louis -- Who?

Look at Long Range Field Brings One Vote for Cincy's Charles

Sun. 6-6-48

By Lester Rodney

The eleven year reign of Jou Louis is coming to an end, win or lose on the night of June 23rd against Jersey Joe Walcott. If he wins—as most think he will who remember his "second time arounds" and see the quiet purposefulness of his training routine at Pompton Lakes—he quits. This is definite.

If he loses? Well, Walcott is going to be 35 next birthday. The average heavy titles are lost at 31.

So the big question is: "Who's next as a long range champ?" The next challenger has a chance to clout himself a fancy wad of dough. If he can hold the crown for the average four year tenure heavyweight champs have racked up in the past he can make it mean something—if the current big gates, radio and television receipts don't take a dive, that is.

Some heavy champs have sprung full blown from nowhere—like Jim Jeffries, the body pounding boilermaker who won the title from the fading James J. Corbett in his 11th fight. There seem to be very few possibilities along this line around the land, though young Sid Peaks of Louisville showed a crackling natural left hook and rough possibilities in his Garden debut and can bear watching.

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WILL IT BE some apparently washed-up old timer resurrected from the scrap heap in Cinderella-man style—like James J. Braddock, who took advantage of the idiosyncracies of the champ of the time, Max Baer, to crash through for a brief whirl at the big money after a starved fistic life. Could it be the comebacking veteran Lee Savold, aged 32, face scar tissued, but possessing a good solid right when he keeps his weight down? Lee belted out Gino Buonvino, Italian champ, in a hurry to launch a comeback, and he's hungry. In a subpar period after Louis' departure he might find a moment of glory.

The Worker

New York, N.Y.

Sometimes the next champion emerges from the light heavy ranks—as did the skinny Bob Fitzsimmons with his solar plexus punch which paralyzed the burly Jeffries for the 10 count.

Sun. 6-6-48

But more likely than Gus is the man he has constantly dodged, the dynamic punching, 24-year old Ezzard Charles of Cincinnati. Despite a disappointing performance here with the clutching Elmer Ray (no championship possibility he!) Charles has speed afoot and two handed dynamite. Pound for pound, this 175 pounder can't be rated too far behind Ray Robinson, Ike Williams and Willie Pep as the best fighting men now going. He could be the guy.

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THIS WRITER, if he were sure Charles would get the opportunity he has been denied in his own class, would definitely vote for him as the next heavyweight champ of any extended tenure.

The Worker

The seasoned, known heavyweights have faded out of the picture. Baksi hasn't had a fight since he was beaten by the inept, clumsy Olle Tandberg of Sweden last June and can be counted out. Ray, Bivins, Mauriello, Comiskey, Lee Murray, Oma . . . all out of the picture. Maxim is cute but can't hit hard.

New York, N.Y.

Of the younger crop in addition to the aforementioned promising (but only promising as yet) Peaks, those attracting the most attention have been Henry Flakes of Buffalo, Freddie Beshore and Tony Bosnich of California and Billy Jones of Camden, and none of them seem within even reasonable range of championship caliber. They are promising by default.

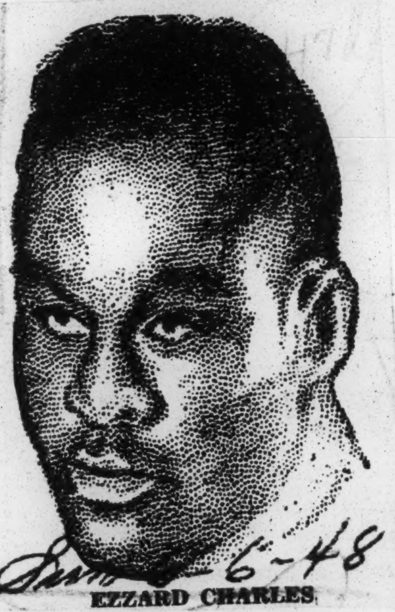
Sun.

There is no "foreign threat." Tandberg couldn't beat featherweight champion Pep on what I saw of him. Alfredo Le Gay of Argentina, who recently beat Tommy Gomez, may be the best of a poor flock and he can't really punch hard enough to hurt anyone.

Give Ezzard Charles the chance his capabilities warrant and you have the man, say we.

6-6-48

In the meantime, until he quits, it's still Joe Louis, champion, greatest in history at his peak and still too good for anyone around on any given night, as I strongly suspect Mr. Walcott will discover when the gong sounds at the Yankee Stadium.



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EZZARD CHARLES

Fight Blow By Blow

(Reprinted from Yesterday's Late Editions)

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Louis-Walcott Bout Postponed For Second Time

The Constitution

Atlanta, Ga. Fri. 6-25-48

By JACK HAND

YANKEE STADIUM, NE WYORK, June 24—(AP)—The scheduled heavyweight title fight between Jersey Joe Walcott and Joe Louis was postponed tonight for the second time because of rain.

A downpour struck the Stadium shortly before preliminaries were scheduled to start. Water poured through the ringside area. At 7 o'clock no one was near the ring.

The weather forecast for tomorrow is for "late afternoon or evening thundershowers." The 20th Century Sporting Club, promoters of the bout, have the use of the stadium through Monday night.

Both fighters had arrived at the ball park.

Louis came about 6 p. m. and waited in an automobile outside the stadium.

"How they gonna have a fight," he asked as he watched the storm.

Walcott and his party arrived shortly before 7 p. m. and went immediately to the dressing rooms.

6-25-48

Only about 1,000 persons were in seats in the uncovered areas of the Stadium. Another 10,000 were huddled in the covered stands.

The streets outside the park were jammed with thoroughly soaked persons.

Some 10,000 unreserved seats had gone on sale at 4 o'clock. A crowd of 55,000 was expected.

Louis ha dcome to the Stadium direct from his Pompton Lakes, N. J., training quarters. He had returned there yesterday when the first postponement was announced shortly after noon.

Walcott had remained in New York.

New York boxing rules require another weigh-in tomorrow because of the 48-hour postponement from the original date. However, if both managers agree, the weigh-in can be passed up with approval of the Boxing Commission.

Louis scaled 213½ pounds, heaviest of his career, when the two men weighed yesterday. Walcott checked in at 194¾.

The champion took the second delay in stride.

"I don't think it will bother me any more than it does him," he declared. "It's fair for both of us."

Louis said he would return immediately to his New Jersey camp. He plans a light workout tomorrow morning before returning to the city.

The Constitution

He wore a raincoat and straw hat as he pushed gently through the crowd surrounding him outside the Stadium.

Atlanta, Ga.

Only twice before has the champion had a fight postponed. His first bout with Max Schmeling was delayed and Joe was knocked out in the twelfth round. Neither man held the title at the time. His first fight after becoming champion, with Tommy Farr, was set back four days. Farr went the route with Louis.

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Walcott said he planned to remain in New York City.

Fri.

Felix Bocchicchio, his sponsor, said he didn't think the challenger would be affected by the delay.

Jersey Joe Has Had His Moment of Glory--Now Louis Will Go to Bat

BY LYALL SMITH
Free Press Sports Editor

Since I have nothing else to do, this seems just the time to let it be known that Joe Louis will flatten Jersey Joe Walcott when they fight again June 23. Detroit, Mich

The round? Anywhere from the fifth to the seventh. Stick around and we'll tell you why. Thurs. 5-13-48

Walcott is only the seventh man to enter the squared circle with Louis and enjoy a moment of glory. He is the fifth man to emerge under his own power when the final bell was rung. Only four other men—big and powerful, all of them—did the same thing. ONCE, that is. Only ONCE!

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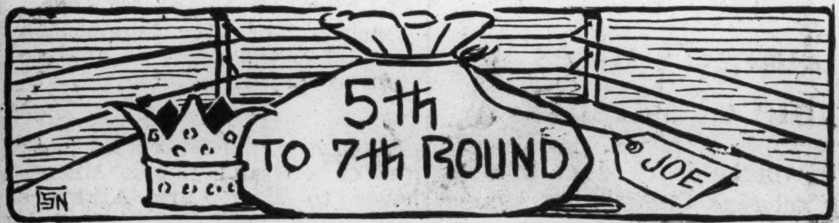
THERE WAS Max Schmeling. He knocked Joe out before 1942 Buddy lay face down and inert while the late customers were still filing to their seats.



Billy Conn, the handsome kid from Pittsburgh, had the crown of Louis tilted at a precarious angle for 12 rounds when they first met before the war. Louis jellied him in the 13th but the stage was set for their rematch in 1946. What happened in that second encounter is still memory-fresh.

Free Press

Conn was licked before he swung through the ropes to answer the opening bell. Joe finally cornered him in the eighth round and sent him to the canvas for keeps again to blast the claims of Conn men that Billy could do the second time what he almost did the first. Detroit, Mich.

There they are—the six men who had their moments in competition with Joe Louis. When they came to try to cash in on those moments a second time they were all sent kicking. It took Louis only 33 rounds to dispose of all six. That's an average time of five rounds plus per man. Thurs. 5-13-48

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AND NOW THERE is Walcott. He floored Louis twice in their fight last December. He claimed he had won the decision the Bomber became champion. Beetle-browed Max is the only fighter to hold that distinction but the glamor of that victory was erased in a hurry when they met a second time.

A furious Louis slaughtered Schmeling in one round.

Even before this prime example that Joe Louis won't give a fighter a second chance comes the case of Natie Brown. He stayed 10 rounds with Louis here in Detroit in 1935. They met again in 1937 and the birds sang sweetly for Natie in the fourth round. Free Press

And then there was Bob Pastor. He stayed 10 rounds against Joe before Louis won the title. After Joe had won the championship he caught up with Pastor in the 11th round and they carried Bob out. Detroit, Mich

Arturo Godoy, the Chilean master of the dance, weaved and bobbed his way through 15 rounds against Louis the first time they met in 1940. That was in February. They met again in June and the Chilean was chilled in eight stanzas.

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IN 1941, gigantic Buddy Baer had a brief fling of glory when he upended the champion and knocked him out of the ring. In when the 15 rounds were ended. That claim was backed up by many fans who saw the fight and by a confused horde of radio listeners.

Jersey Joe had his moments. He cashed in plenty on the prestige he garnered and there is no one who could deny him that right. Free Press

But now he says he will come back June 23 and wrap up the package he started to work on last December.

Detroit, Mich.

He won't do it. A Joe Louis who is bigger and slower than he ever was in his life will knock him out simply because he's a fighter who never gives an opponent that second chance.

Opportunity knocks but once for Joe's foes. The second time Joe knocks them. Thurs. 5-13-48

Louis-Walcott

Odds on Champ Slip to 1-2 As Rain Sets Back Show

Star
New York, N.Y. Fri. 6-25-48

Last night's second postponement of the Joe Louis-Jersey Joe Walcott title bout at Yankee Stadium was expected to drive the 5-11 odds on Louis down to about 1-2 by the time the fighters climb through the ropes tonight to make one more try.

Louis, who has always suffered by postponements, was at his heaviest weight in history when he weighed in Wednesday—213½. The first postponement brought that weight up to 215, and he is expected to put on even more by fight time.

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Louis returned immediately to his training camp in New Jersey. He told reporters he plans a light workout tomorrow morning before returning to the city.

He wore a raincoat and a straw hat as he pushed gently through the crowd surrounding him outside of the Stadium. Fri.

Walcott said he planned to remain in New York City. His sponsor, Felix Bocchicchio, told newsmen at the Stadium that he didn't think the delay would affect Walcott. 6-25-48

When the decision to postpone was made, only about 1000 fans were in seats in the uncovered areas of the Stadium. Another 10,000 were huddled in the covered stands.

Walcott, who stayed in town after the first day's postponement, remained in his room in a downtown hotel while awaiting news of the possible second postponement.

The champion returned to his Pompton Lakes, N. J., training camp Wednesday. In the morning he was up at 6 and was out on the road for a walk. Back in bed at 7:30, he arose at 10:30 for a second breakfast.

No Second Weigh-in

While waiting to leave for New York he talked with four young boys who had ridden by bike 15 miles from nearby Erskine Lake to see the champ. He did not appear worried about his 25th title defense. Star

Walcott and Louis did not see each other throughout the day. Another weigh-in was not required, for weight limits were not involved in their bout. The only requirement was that each weigh more than 175 pounds. Fri.

During the day, Broadway pricema°kers again cut the odds favoring Louis, this time from 5 to 11 to 1 to 2. Bookies pointed to the record as proof of their contention that the first pstponement would hurt Louis. New York, N.Y.

Weather Man Says Rain Again Tonight

Fri. 6-25-48

The weather forecast for tomorrow is for "late afternoon or evening thundershowers." The 20th Century Sporting Club, promoter of the bout, have the use of the Stadium through Monday night.

The rain started to fall at the Stadium at 7:09—less than three hours before the fight was scheduled to go on. Earlier than that, thunderstorms broke in midtown.

Only a few early arrivers were in the Stadium when the rains came. These—fans, technicians and reporters—quickly sought shelter in the grandstand. 6-25-48

Louis' Mind Made Up On Wednesday Plans

P.M. New York, N.Y.

Mon. 6-21-48

POMPTON LAKES, N. J., June 20 (AP)—"Who is Joe listening to now?" Harry Mendel was asked.

Joe Louis had just completed his workout, and a fellow wondered a little just how much he missed Jack Blackburn as he prepared to defend his heavyweight title against Jersey Joe Walcott Wednesday night.

Louis would listen to Blackburn, obey him without question. The ring-wise trainer, who died in 1942, could have told the champion just what to do to offset the tricky style of Walcott.

Since Blackburn's death, Louis has been pretty much his own boss.

In other words, he's doing his own thinking, making his own decisions, and if in doing this he is ignoring advice he might be making a serious mistake. Everyone needs advice now and then, and particularly a fighter.

Mendel, who handles publicity at the camp, hesitated a moment, then said: 6-21-48

"Yes, he listens to Manny Seamon, and Marshall Miles, and John Roxborough, and his lawyer."

A reporter couldn't see just where his lawyer would fit into his training for a fight.

"He's seen a lot of fights and knows something about the game," Mendel explained. Then, seeing he hadn't been convinced, he added: "There's Freddie Wilson. I want him to tell you what he told me."

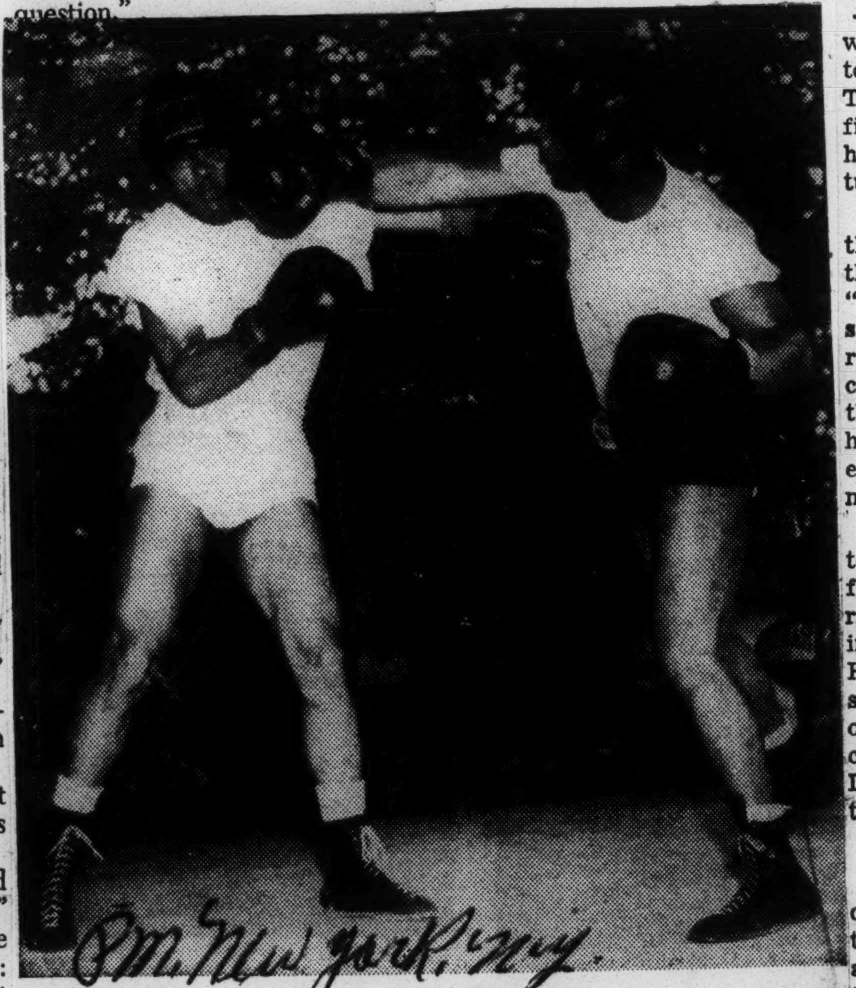
He called to a stocky, yellow-jersied fellow who was some distance away, and ambling farther every step. Mendel and the reporter waddled after him.

"Tell him what you told me," Mendel said to Wilson, "about what happens on the road." It seems that Freddie accompanies Louis on his daily roadwork.

"Well," Freddie said reflectively, "I've been doing roadwork with him for years, and we'd do a lot of talking. We'd talk over the fight coming up, and I'd tell him things I had heard, little suggestions and advice. 6-21-48

"This time, though, when I started to talk he told me to keep still about it. He said he didn't want to be confused by a lot fo different advice, that his mind was made up as to how he would fight Walcott."

Mendel beamed as if to say, "There, I guess that answers your question."



P.M. New York, N.Y.

Wide Open Joe Louis, who can't make such mistakes against Joe Walcott Wednesday nights, gets caught by camera as he takes right to jaw from sparmate McKinley English. Mon. 6-21-48

Associated Press Photo

Times

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By ARTHUR DALEY New York, N.Y.

Who's Gonna Win?

But thou, O Louis! Of what stuff art thou at all? Is there no stroke in thee, then, for Life and Crown?—Carlyle.

Wed. 6-23-48

THOMAS CARLYLE was not a boxing expert. Neither was the Louis he addressed so dolefully the Joe Louis who will defend his world heavyweight crown in the Yankee Stadium tonight. But the similarity is a striking one. The Dark Destroyer had no stroke in him the first time he fought Jersey Joe Walcott. Will he have regained his missing punch for the return engagement?

The answer to that question is the answer to the query which has the beach-combers along the cement strands of Jacobs' Beach in a dither—"Who's gonna win?" On the Jolter's own admission he landed one solid blow in fifteen full rounds, a left hook to the jam in the first. Walcott's knees buckled at the impact. Possibly that punch betrayed the Brown Bomber and gave him the impression that Jersey Joe would be an easy target who could be pinged at leisure. He never hit the bullseye again. 6-23-48

It was an incredible exhibition that Louis gave, totally incredible in the light of his past performances. Time after time he'd cock that deadly right—and never throw it. The notion kept growing that his communication system was at fault. He'd see a nopening but before he was able to send the message down to his right fist, the opening no longer was there as the elfin Walcott glided out of range. For an unashamed Louis fan, as this reporter is, it was vastly disturbing.

Departed Reflexes

The Jolter's reflexes were gone for that December fight. More trustworthy authorities than this one hold firmly that once a man's reflexes are gone they are gone forever. "When you're through, you're through," says Jack Dempsey bluntly. And he should know. That's how great champions suddenly become "hollow shells." No one had perceived the deterioration until it had happened.

There was one other alarming episode in that first fight. In the ninth round Louis finally had the slippery, side-stepping Jersey Joe pinned against the ropes. Both fists flailed away. This was the end. The Jolter's right crashed in and he stepped back. So often in the past he'd tossed a right and stepped back to let his victim fall. Not only did Walcott refuse to fall but he actually punched his way out of his difficulties. It was obvious then that the Dark Destroyer was not going to destroy his aged foeman that night.

Hide-and-Seek

Before his return engagement with Billy Conn, the champion remarked, "He can run but he can't hide." He was eminently correct. But Jersey Joe managed to hide. Most adroitly, too. The scorned challenger not only was miles ahead on speed of footwork but also on speed of thinking. Louis never had been very fast in either department. His speed had rested entirely in the speed with which he threw a punch. He didn't have it last December.

So sad was his showing and so unmistakable his disintegration—he admits that he's slipped at least 20 per cent—that he might not have left behind him that burgeoning seed he usually implanted in the minds of his rivals. It was the seed of fear, a fear which left his opponents with a growing dread of the forthcoming hostilities. Cocky Billy Conn went zooming into a mental tailspin a few hours before the return match. Max Baer was paralyzed in his dressing room. Kingfish Levinsky was so terrified that the bout had to be advanced an hour ahead of time or the Kingfish never could have been prodded into the ring with naked bayonets.

Of course, Walcott is going to be under a violent mental strain. For the first fray he had nothing to lose and everything to gain. Now he's confronted by the momentousness of a title within his grasp. No one can even begin to guess how he will react to opportunity's second knock. He's a very intelligent man and sometimes that can be a handicap, particularly if his imagination runs away with him.

Change of Viewpoint

Louis also will enter the ring with a slightly different viewpoint. He had trained carelessly for the first fight because he'd deemed Jersey Joe a second-rater. As Jockey Eddie Arcaro once philosophized, "Training is tough once you start to wear silk pajamas." He meant, naturally enough, that tumbling out of bed for early morning roadwork doesn't come easy for a chap whose prosperity has reached the silk pajama stage. Louis had reached it long before.

So close a call did he have against Walcott that he really buckled down to purposeful hard work for the rematch. He even gave up golf and desserts, two of the supreme loves of his life. If he hasn't looked too impressive in training, the answer is simple. He never has. Nor has he ever punished sparring partners. Instead he toils methodically to perfect certain punches, certain maneuvers in total obliviousness to the response they evoke in onlookers.

The goad which has spurred him to such energy has been his pride. It suffered a grevious blow in December. Here he was, the idol of his race, almost beaten by a fellow-Negro who actually is a few months older than he is. If it had been some up-and-coming young fellow, regardless of race, the Jolter could have accepted him as gracefully as he accepted his knockout by Max Schmeling. As he told his mother then, "He jes' whupped me, Ma." 6-23-48

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Is Walcott the Tenth?

Later he developed an implacable hatred for Schmeling because of his Nazi arrogance. Vengefully he destroyed him in 2:04 of the first electrifying and horrible minutes of merciless slaughter. The Brown Bomber hasn't the physical equipment to wreak such havoc on Walcott now, even though his distaste for his foe ranks second to his dislike for Schmeling.

It was Schmeling, by the way, who discovered the chink in the Jolter's armor, his vulnerability to a right-hand slug on the jaw. Jersey Joe capitalized on it to such an extent that he twice dumped the Brown Bomber on the seat of his pants. Louis can be hit and Walcott, a smarter fellow, figures to hit him again.

But here's the way it looks from this observation post. If Jersey Joe, in the peak performance of his career, couldn't stop a Louis in the absolutely worst fight of his career, he can't do it again. The Dark Destroyer has fought nine men a second time and knocked out all nine of them, par for the course. The opinion here is that Walcott will be the tenth.

Odds on Louis Fall to 5-11 As Rain Delays Title Bout

Star New York, N.Y.

Thurs. 6-24-48

Champ's Kayo by Schmeling After Postponement Recalled

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By JOHN WENTWORTH

With showers forcing a one-day postponement of Joe Louis' 25th heavyweight title defense against Jersey Joe Walcott, fans turned last night to speculation on how much the delay would affect the two fighters, and the consensus seemed to be it would favor the challenger.

Having nothing better to do, Walcott supporters, who have shaved the odds down to 5 to 11 on Louis and are expected to make them 1 to 2 by the time the big fellows enter the ring, bided their time by going back through the records. They discovered that in the only two other postponed Louis fights in the last 11 years the Brown Bomber didn't fare so well.

First Delay Hurt Joe

After the first Schmeling fight in 1936 had to be held up one day Louis suffered the first and only loss of his pro career, by a knockout in the 12th round. A year later, when his bout with Tommy Farr was held up four days, Louis barely managed to punch out a 15-round decision.

Star

Dr. Vincent Nardiello, the Boxing Commission physician who examined Louis and Walcott yesterday, when they weighed in at 213½ and 194¾ respectively, recalls that the Schmeling fight postponement made Joe so nervous he couldn't sleep or relax.

"This unquestionably contributed to his defeat," the doctor said.

New York N.Y.

Walcott Goes to Show

If the news of yesterday's postponement upset the reflexes of either champ or challenger yesterday they didn't show it. Louis had a big meal in town after the weigh-in and then returned to his camp at Pompton Lakes, N. J., presumably with the idea he could be guaranteed more seclusion and undisturbed rest.

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Walcott went to bed at his New York hotel in the afternoon, had a so-what attitude when informed of the fight's delay when he awakened at 4 o'clock, and early last night watched Dotty Lamour in *Lulu Belle* at a Broadway theater. He remained in town.

Acting promoter Sol Strauss was optimistic, as expected, when asked how he felt the postponement would affect the gate.

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"We feel it might help it," Sol said, but put on a wry face when reminded that more showers were expected today.

Sol wants no part of another delay and feels that if the press has to "warm over" the fistic menu again he will have to settle for less than the expected "better than $900,000."

New York, N.Y.

Friday night, Saturday night and Monday night are all open, with no additional charge to the 20th Century concerned. The Yanks aren't scheduled until Tuesday night, when they come home to take on the Red Sox.

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The Garden was jammed with close to 400 fight reporters and cameramen when Louis and Walcott weighed in, and an estimated 2500 fans milled about outside in hopes of getting a glimpse of the battlers. Inasmuch as the two Joes didn't exchange a word and hardly looked at each other you got the impresssion neither thinks the other is the "finest gentleman I ever fought."

6-24-48

Commission chairman Eddie Eagan, however, allowed as how they were both mighty nice chaps when he explained the scoring system, and he further said that he expected a sporting contest when they meet tonight.

Now let's see if you can be a good sport, Mr. Weatherman.

5,000 Witness Louis Train

Montgomery Advertiser

Brown Bomber Turns On Left Jabs In Workout

Mon. 6-21-48

By JACK HAND

POMPTON LAKES, N. J.—(AP)—A turnaway record crowd of some 5,000 fans in carnival mood watched Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis go four routine rounds Sunday, in his next-to-last workout before Wednesday night's return title scrap with Jersey Joe Walcott. After the drill, the bomber weighed 214 pounds.

If the big crowd, which turned training quarters into a miniature circus grounds, had expected to see the champ flash his old dynamite, they were disappointed.

The Bomber was concentrating on sharpening his left jab during this unimpressive session. Once or twice he cut loose with the body punishment that he showed yesterday but he obviously was not putting on any show.

When he got in there with Tiger Roy Taylor, the clever New York boxer whose style is similar to Walcott's, Louis never was able to catch his man. The crowd got a big kick out of Taylor's jigging three-step which made the champ miss and miss again. Taylor, of course, seldom threw punches and concentrated on running away. No doubt, he has some vivid memories of yesterday's beating around the body. There were a few jeers for the champ's awkward misses.

6-21-48

Walcott Finishes

GRENLOCH, N. J.—(AP)—Jersey Joe Walcott, Sunday, finished up his hard training for Wednesday night's fight against Champion Joe Louis, by boxing five rounds in which the emphasis was all on speed.

He came out of the workout sweating profusely—which would indicate he is far from stale—and poised and confident.

"He's ready to go," said Felix Bocchicchio, his backer.

Tomorrow the camp gates will be closed. Walcott will do four miles on the road and then rest. Tuesday night the heavyweight challenger will go to New York. Walcott, who puts heavy emphasis on his road work, may take a final brisk walk on the morning of the big fight.

Walcott's first sparring partner, Austin Johnson, of Atlantic City, received a cut lip when Jersey Joe finished up the round with a flurry of jabs. His second one, Curtis Sheppard, of Baltimore, caught Jersey Joe one hard right to the head, but the rest of the round Walcott was on top.

For the third round, Walcott boxed again with Johnson, and deliberately backed up to the ropes to practice strategy against Louis. The last two rounds were against Cliff Dyes, Florida middleweight, against whom Jersey Joe showed his fanciest footwork.

Throughout the challenger used the same baffling side-step, the weaving and bobbing, and the retreat that is aimed to trap his attacker.

Joe Still Sucker For Good Right Hand To Head

By JACK HAND

POMPTON LAKES, N. J.—(AP)—For a man who says he "expects to win quick," heavyweight Champion Joe Louis still is shockingly easy to hit with a straight right hand.

This chink in the Brown Bomber's armor was quite evident yesterday as he went four rounds with assorted sparmates in preparation for his title defense against Jersey Joe Walcott at Yankee Stadium a week from tomorrow night.

(June)

Dick Hagan, an ex-Golden Glove heavyweight champ from Chicago, scored consistently with a right shot to the head before Tiger Roy Taylor, a 180-pounder from New York, put on a cagy imitation of Walcott. Promoter Mike Jacobs was an interested spectator. Wed. 6-16-48

The champ definitely will continue work through Monday with four more scheduled boxing sessions. He will spar again Thursday Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Louis boxed one round each with Hagan, Taylor, Shamus O'Brien and McKinley English after undergoing a preliminary physical examination by Dr. Vincent Nardiello, the New York Commission Physician. He was pronounced "much improved" over his condition before the first Walcott fight last December. Dr. Nardiello found his reflexes within normal limits, his pulse was 68 before exercise and 90 after exercise. Likewise his blood pressure changed from 132-90 before to 138-92 after. 6-16-48

In an interview before the workout, Louis again blamed his poor December fight on drying out to take off weight. He assured some 40 reporters that he would not repeat the error. Before the drill he said he weighed 215, a weight he hopes to hold until ring time.

Once more Louis said he "did not think much of Walcott as a fighter." However, he qualified this a bit when he added, "maybe I don't know how good he is because I just think I fought a bad fight. Maybe, the best way to say it is that I was overtrained. I'd rather be undertrained than overtrained anytime. Now, when I'm in shape, I'll be able to tell better about him."

Asked what challengers he had fought whom he thought could whip Walcott, he said thoughtfully "Conn, Farr, maybe Schmeling, maybe Pastor." Later he added Maxie Baer.

Walter Stewart

The Commercial Appeal
Memphis, Tenn.
Tues. 6-29-48
(47d)

A Dreary Disaster For Television
The Disputed Age Of Jersey Joe
Joe Louis, Statesman

Notes Scrawled On a Frayer Fisticuff: The Joe Louis-Jersey Joe Walcott embrace probably set television back a full 10 years. . . . A pal of ours walked into a bar by mistake (no pal of ours enters one on purpose) and observed something which intrigued him no end. . . . A young man, in the early stages of intoxication, was leaning against the mahogany lending his ears to the radio broadcast and leveling his eyes upon the video screen. . . . The announcer was painting a word-picture which recalled Anzio Beach on a busy afternoon while the screen was empty of action as Russwood Park in January. . . . Tapping our pal on the shoulder, the young tippler asked: "Say, mister, what fight am I LOOKING at?" . . . Leaving Yankee Stadium and arriving at the Memphis Open Air Theatre necessitated a transposition in locale, but not in entertainment. . . . It was merely an exchange of one Great Waltz for another. . . . For the first time in 11 years Uncle Mike Jacobs has allowed the heavyweight monopoly to slip away between his carefully cultivated fingers . . . For there isn't a champion to monopolize with. . . . We'll bet, however, that it hasn't slipped far. Tues. 6-29-48

LOUIS

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Jersey Joe modestly lays claim to 34 years of life, but archaeologists, digging into the ruins of Camden, maintain that he has celebrated his 38th birthday for the very last time. . . . Many patrons who had purchased tickets early and then suffered through two rain-drenched postponements returned their pasteboards in a torren which washed $100,000 out of Uncle Mike's loot locker. . . . We humbly salute their intelligence. . . . Despite this, the plunder will approximate $1,000,000 when movies, radio and television contributions are stirred in . . . The hangers-on about the Louis camp place $22,000 upon the concave beezer of their charge and won $10,000 at the closing 11-5 odds. . . . Hanging on must be a profitable business.

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Louis needed 26 rounds to catch up with Walcott. . . . In those 26, Jersey Joe had dumped the champion to his haunches three times. . . . But when the Dark Angel got the range, he hit Walcott more often in 30 seconds than he had in the preceding 77 minutes. . . . The Jersey Jigger took it gamely when it came, but after all, you must give something in exchange for 150,000-odd dollars. . . . When Walcott really did go into action, it was pretty impressive and he must have set some sort of record for a track with unbanked turns. During intellectual feasts with sports writers in his training camp, Walcott hinted that the champion was outrageously thick between the ears. . . . And yet it was Jersey Joe who displayed traces of lunacy by attempting to fight his way off the ropes. . . . He was almost slain in the process, and should have known that he would be.

The Commercial Appeal

Smoke-filled hotel rooms are tense with half-raised cigar butts as Louis prepares to hurl himself upon the political scales. . . . He has always objected to smoke-filled rooms on the basis of sanitation and principle, but it is assumed that he is now ready to make the great sacrifice in the interest of possible constituents. . . . While engaged in oiling up his nasal passage for a speaking tour (undoubtedly a whirlwind one), he is also shopping about for a good direction in which to jump. . . . It will be Democrat or Republican, however, for Joe has left Henry Wallace out upon the limb that gentleman has rented for the Autumn. . . . Louis says that he will have no dealings with a third party, but it is possible that he will change his mind when he discovers that this third party is not necessarily a boxing referee. Memphis, Tenn.

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The manner in which Joe lulls the voters into a sense of false security is not entirely without interest. . . . For, unless there has been radical improvement within the last 48 hours, the Louis vocabulary consists of 50 or 60 words, and he uses these sparingly. . . . It is true that a stuious perual of the comic strips and box scores require little more, but this shortage might prove a burden in politics. And Louis will be further handicapped in that he will be unable to startle the hustings with that side-splitter: "I can lick anybody in the house." . . . For, after that Walcott opus, he may be overmatching himself. Tues. 6-29-48

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Smart in a buttermilk colored sports coat and a really striking shirt, Joseph dropped into Mike's office and announced that he wasn't a boxer anymore. . . . This failed to cause much excitement on the part of anyone, for it had been pretty obvious at Yankee Stadium Friday night. . . . Walcott had tied him into Windsor knots with clownish feints. . . . Time was when Louis would have counteracted these feints with a left hook calculated to disturb Jersey Joe's digestion for weeks, but time wasn't any more. . . . For Louis simply flinched like a calf under the branding iron and covered his eyes with a barricade of elbows. . . . But his defense against left jabs was rather flawless, for he stopped almost all of them—with hi face. . . . He can still punch, however, and could hold the championship for years if defenses were made in telephone booths. . . . Friday night he couldn't have caught a light cold at the North Pole while clad in his business pants.

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Walcott, timing his arrival cleverly, reached the Jacobs sanctum shortly after the Louis departure. . . . "I'm sorry that he has retired," said Joe, without crying a lick. "I'd like to fight him again—winner take all." . . . After what happened in their first two engagements, it isn't likely that there'd be anything for the winner to take. . . . For progress has reached the ugly stage at which you can't fool even some of the people all of the time. 6-29-48

TOM MEANY

Star
(47d)

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New York, N.Y.
Wed. 6-23-48

The decision to televise tonight's fight between Joe Louis and Jersey Walcott for the heavyweight championship at Yankee Stadium poses problems which are many and varied. It raises questions in fields both social and economic. There also is an alcoholic angle to the video version which merits discussion.

(June)

Since the economical aspect of the televising of tonight's fight involves dollars and cents, it might be well to go into that first. The Gillette Razor Co. will sponsor both the video and the radio, paying $100,000 for the privilege. This is supposed to take care of any potential ticket buyers who will decide to keep their money in their pockets and stare at the fuzzy images.

The 20th Century Sporting Club, therefore, will lost nothing by the decision to permit the fight to be televised. It will, it goes without saying, create a lot of good will among shut-ins who couldn't possibly see the fight and good will among fans who had no intention of attending anyway.

HEYWOOD HALE BROUN

Joe Versus Joe Just Preliminary

Star New York, N.Y

Wed. 6-23-48

At approximately 11 o'clock tonight, the heavyweight champion of the world will say, "No, he never hurt me. I knew I had him from the first round on."

Nobody will hear the champion say this because championship fights are the sole sports events which get newspapermen so worked up that they not like autograph hunters. While the champ is reading off the regular post-fight bromides about how he feels much too good to retire, how he was in the best shape of his career, and what a dead game fellow the fallen foe was, reporters will be writhing and shouting in a confused mass which will sway in front of the lenses of maddened photographers, who'll be shouting, "Hold up your hand champ and give us a big smile—all right, fellas, let's get out of the way."

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From time to time, like an overripe plum, a photographer will fall from the vantage point and to the other noises will be added the crunching sound his equipment and bones make as the mob surges back and forth across them. Wed. 6-23-48

Eventually the champ will be convoyed into the shower and the press will have to fall back on such scraps as can be picked up from the champ's hangers-on, many of whom assumed those roles about 15 minutes previously.

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It was reported after the Zale-Graziano fight that Rocky had a slight concussion. I know just how Rocky felt since for almost three minutes that night I was engaged in savage infighting with Zale.

Tony and I were jammed against a rubbing table and as we fought to escape being snapped across its heavy edge like matchsticks, a certain amount of damage was done. I got even without taking a count; but I apparently wrote on someone else's pad while I was taking down the answers to my rapid fire questions, "Did he hurt you? Are you going to retire?" Somebody else appears to have written on mine and I couldn't decipher his handwriting.

After other major events the press drifts into the athletes' quarters fairly casually. Even after World Series games there is nothing to compare to post-fight atmosphere. The players sit in front of their lockers and form a receiving line which chats with reporters circling the room.

At such major events as golf and tennis tournaments, the winner sometimes escapes without ever telling anyone whether he was hurt and what his retirement plans are. 6-23-48 Wed.

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Oarsmen are permitted to throw their coxswain in the water before anybody asks him whether he thought the losing crew was game, and trainers of winning stakes horses usually give the standard message, "Best horse I ever trained,' to one man who hands out the word to his co-workers. Star

At fights, however, the lid is off and every man's a fan. I am in better shape for this fight than I was for the last one, and despite all the struggling and rough handling at the hands of the hordes of special cops who apparently are under instructions to throw out everyone wearing a little badge which says "Admit to Dressing Room," I am not ready to retire. New York, N.Y.

Although at the Graziano-Zale affair I was given my most severe physical test since the days when the Army made me do 20 pushups before they'd feed me, I wasn't really hurt. Wed 6-23-48

My fellow sports writers are game, but so am I. There is only one thing which can slow me up. If by some chance Walcott should win tonight, I am going to be badly hurt, and I may retire from backing my fight choices. I will in any case be in no shape to try it again.

Louis, On 34th Birthday Weighs 220 For Walcott

Daily World, Atlanta, Ga.

Wed. 5-19-48

BLOOMINGDALE, Mich.—(ANP)—Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis was 34 years old Friday, but he doesn't seem to be having any trouble getting in shape for his June 23 rematch with Jersey Joe Walcott in Yankee stadium. After a month of light training on the farm of a Detroit friend, near here Joe finds himself "two pounds" ahead of schedule.

When he arrived here early in April following his European appearances, he weighed 225. Trainer Manny Seamon decided to strip Joe of three pounds while the champ was on a diet of "rest," light roadwork, sawing and woodchopping. Friday, however, Seamon said the champ was down to 220. This simplifies the reducing schedule, since Louis has only five pounds to go to make 215 for the Walcott encounter. Joe tipped the scales at 211 for his first bout.

Joe left Monday enroute to Pompton Lakes. He will start sparring round practice, doing four rounds a day and working up to six during his 21 days of training. Sparmates include Richard Hagan, Chicago; Johnny Hubbard, Milwaukee; McKinley English, Detroit and Henry Taylor, New York.

For his birthday, Bill Bottoms, training camp chef for 12 years, made a four-layer cake complete with the trimmings. Joe's son, 10-month old Joe Jr., was on hand for the celebration. Weighing in at 26 pounds, he donned a pair of miniature gloves to take a few playful slugs at his papa.

Louis, now in London for a series of exhibition bouts, told reporters on the eve of his sailing that he would give Walcott two weeks "to make up his mind" and if it wasn't made up in that time, he would fight somebody else.

The June fight will be held in Yankee Stadium.

Walcott Agrees To Louis' Fight

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NEW YORK—Jersey Joe Walcott, who dropped a 15-round split decision to Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion in Madison Garden on Dec. 5, will battle the Brown Bomber the second time on June 23.

Walcott, who had balked at two clauses in the contract, signed Friday. He will get 20 percent of the gate instead of the 30 he demanded. He will give Louis a return match in event he lifts the world title and for this, the third match, Walcott will get 30 per cent instead of the 40 he sought.

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To Get Picture Money

However, according to A. D. Malander, Walcott's attorney, Jersey Joe will receive 22½ per cent of the motion picture income.

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'I'LL GET HIM QUICK' JOE LOUIS' PREDICTION

Kayo Over Walcott Within 10 Rounds Believed Likely

THEY BATTLE TOMORROW

Commercial Appeal

By JACK HAND

Associated Press Sports Writer

Memphis Tenn

NEW YORK, June 21.—Joe Louis to knock out Jersey Joe Walcott in 10 rounds is the pick from this corner for Wednesday's heavyweight title bout at the Yankee Stadium.

Jersey Joe's jigging three-step is certain to bother the champ again but a well-conditioned Louis, sharpened by some 90 rounds of boxing, figures to catch up with Walcott at least once.

No Getting Away

When he catches Walcott this time, Louis doesn't expect to let him get away like he did last December in the ninth round of their first bout.

"I'll get him quick" is Louis' only hint of the style of attack he will use but those who have been watching his workouts expect him to concentrate on a body attack until he can force Jersey Joe to invite a shot to the jaw by dropping his hands. Tues 6-22-48

The Louis left jab again is sharp and accurate and most of the excess pounds have been melted off his body and legs. He'll weigh about 215 to 195 for the challenger. Spar mates still hit Joe with rights to the chin without too much trouble, a glaring weakness first uncovered by Max Schmeling.

Walcott, like Louis a 34-year-old, probably had his greatest opportunity in December when the referee voted for him but two judges permitted Louis to retain his championship. Few expect him to be better than he was that night. He still remains fundamentally a fighter with a confusing style and a good sneak right hand punch. Jersey Joe is most dangerous when hurt and is drilled on the theory of "throw that right" when in trouble.

That right can drop Louis. It did twice in December but each time a befuddled, weakened champ was able to scramble off the deck.

Stringing with the champ until he goes down is an old adage and Louis seems to date that respect off 24 previous successful defenses.

Louis at 5 to 13

The bookmakers think so, too, for they have installed Louis as a 5 to 13 favorite. In some New York spots it's 5 to 14. Over in New Jersey where Walcott money is beginning to show, one pricemaker ventured a guess that it would be 5 to 12 at ring time.

If you like Louis by a kayo you have to give 17 to 10 in man-to-man odds. A bet on Walcott by a knockout will get almost 4 to 1.

The box office did a steady business Monday despite an announcement that the fight will be televised on a seven-station network. Harry Markson, Twentieth Century Sporting Club official, predicted the gate would be "around $900,000 and 55,000 pepole."

It appears now that the million dollar figure will not be reached, unless radio and television cash are added. There has been no announcement on the amount the sponsor is paying. The fighters share in this cash on the basis of Louis 40 per cent and Walcott 20 per cent. The same percentages apply also to the net gate payoff.

Louis Polishes Up

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Louis finished his prefight work by boxing Monday at Pompton Lakes, N. J. But Walcott, who has been "ready" for a week, did not spar. He completed his training Sunday, xcept for light exercises, at Grenloch N. J.

Walcott will come into town Tuesday evening but Louis will stay at Pompton Lakes until Wednesday morning arriving just in time for the noon weigh-in at Madison Square Garden.

After his final four-round workout, Louis said, "I think I am 50 or 75 per cent better than I was for the last fight. I am satisfied with my weight and condition. I think I have solved Walcott's style."

Once again Louis repeated what he has said about retiring after this fight win lose or draw. Asked if he would fight Walcott in September if he lost he said "No I, don't think I will."

CoManagers Marshall Miles and John Roxborough said they will make a series of protests to the New York Athletic Commission at the weigh-in.

They will ask that Walcott be warned against applying grease or oil to his body, against backhand punches and against hitting while holding the rope.

New York Herald Tribune

Louis May Defend His Crown With 'Mouse' Under Left Eye

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Champion Nailed With Right by Sparring Mate in Final Drill; Television Rights Sold; Walcott Is Held 13-to-5 Underdog

By Jesse Abramson

When Jo Louis walked out of the Madison Square Garden ring last December there were lumps on his face put there by the right hand of Jersey Joe Walcott. When the world heavyweight champion, who celebrates the eleventh anniversary of his coronation today, climbs through the ropes into the Yankee Stadium ring tomorrow night he may have a lump under his left eye before Jersey Joe throws his first punch.

The slight mouse on the royal phiz is a memento of the champion's training. Dick Hagan, of Chicago, is the one who evidently planted it with a right hand in Sunday's workout. The mouse grew overnight, and was discernible yesterday at Pompton Laes when the champion held his final four-round sparirng drill. It isn't anything that's bothering Louis. His trainers, Mannie Seamon and Larry Amadee, may make it disappear by post-time.

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Louis Weighs 214

With nineteen sparirng days and ninety rounds of training behind him, Louis is set for his twenty-fifth and last title defense against Walcott. He scaled 213 after his last drill; will weigh in tomorrow between 214 and 215, his heaviest.

"I'm 50 to 75 per cent better than I was for the December fight," Louis siad after his last gloved chore. "I'm satisfied with my condition, as I have been for some time. I had wonderful sparring partners; they did what we expected of them."

Louis worked with five hired hands, fired one of them, Johnny Hubbard, and went one round each with the four stand-bys yesterday—Shamus O'Brien, McKinley English, Dick Hagan and Roy Taylor. He stalked the first two behind left leads. He turned it on in a rough session with Hagan, got tagged with two hard rights, and laced into Hagan with rights and lefts.

When Taylor started side-stepping and back-pedaling in the Walcott manner, Louis stopped and wouldn't pursue him. That's one prospect facing the crowd of 50,000 or more who will pay more than $800,000 for the big fight. Louis has said he will not run after Walcott, that Jersey Joe as challenger has the burden of going after the title. Walcott's retort: "Ht can't make me do anything I don't want to do. I'll make him fight my ght."

But veteran critics say that Louis can fight only one way, moving in steadily on Walcott, getting set with left foot extended in the classic pose and punching from a set position. From all indications Walcott dosn't intend to let him get set for a punch. At least, Jersey Joe won't be standing there when the blow swishes, he hopes.

The adds remained static at 5 to 13 on Louis yesterday, and unless the adds shift Louis will be the shortest-price favorite in his reign since the second Schmeling bout when he was held at 5 to 9.

New York Tribune

Cities to Televise

To the surprise of no one, the 20th Century S. C. yesterday agreed to televise the fight, and immediately bars all over town slapped announcements on their windows. The same sponsor, Gillette Safety Razor Company, which has the broadcast rights got television, too, in a package that sold for $100,000. Of this Louis and Wolcott split 40 and 20 per cent, respectively.

Seven cities will carry the network television show—New York, Philadelphia, Wilmington, Washington, Richmond, Schnectady and Boston. It was reported that the broadcasting company has agreed not to break in on the fight broadcast with any Republican Convention doings. The broadcast people learned how disgruntled fight fans can get when the Fritizie Civic-Bummy Davis fight of seven years ago was tossed off the air in favor of a speech by Senator Robert F. Wagner.

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The television contract excludes delayed television or the piping of the fight into theaters or any place where admission is charged.

With Louis's training finished and Walcott restricting his activity to five miles of roadwork, the promoters began setting up the stadium as a fight arena. With Lionel Levy in charge, 150 tons of aluminum supports and lumber in forty truckloads were moved into the Yankees' ball park, where 15,000 seats will be placed on the field at $50 a seat. There will be twenty rows on the flat before the elevated ringside pews start rising.

Huge Press Stands

The fight will be covered as no fight ever was covered before. The promoters issued more than 700 working press tickets. The reporters, representing every large city and many small ones in this country, Canada, England, France, Sweden, Italy, Germany, Norway, Holland, Israel, Portugal, Finland, Cuba, Panama, Puerto Rico, Australia, Tass News Agency, Argentina, Peru, Brazil, Venezuela and Colombia, will cover the fight from seven rows around the ring, from the mezzanine baseball pressbox and the football pressbox, which is being used for the first time as a fight press box. Approximately

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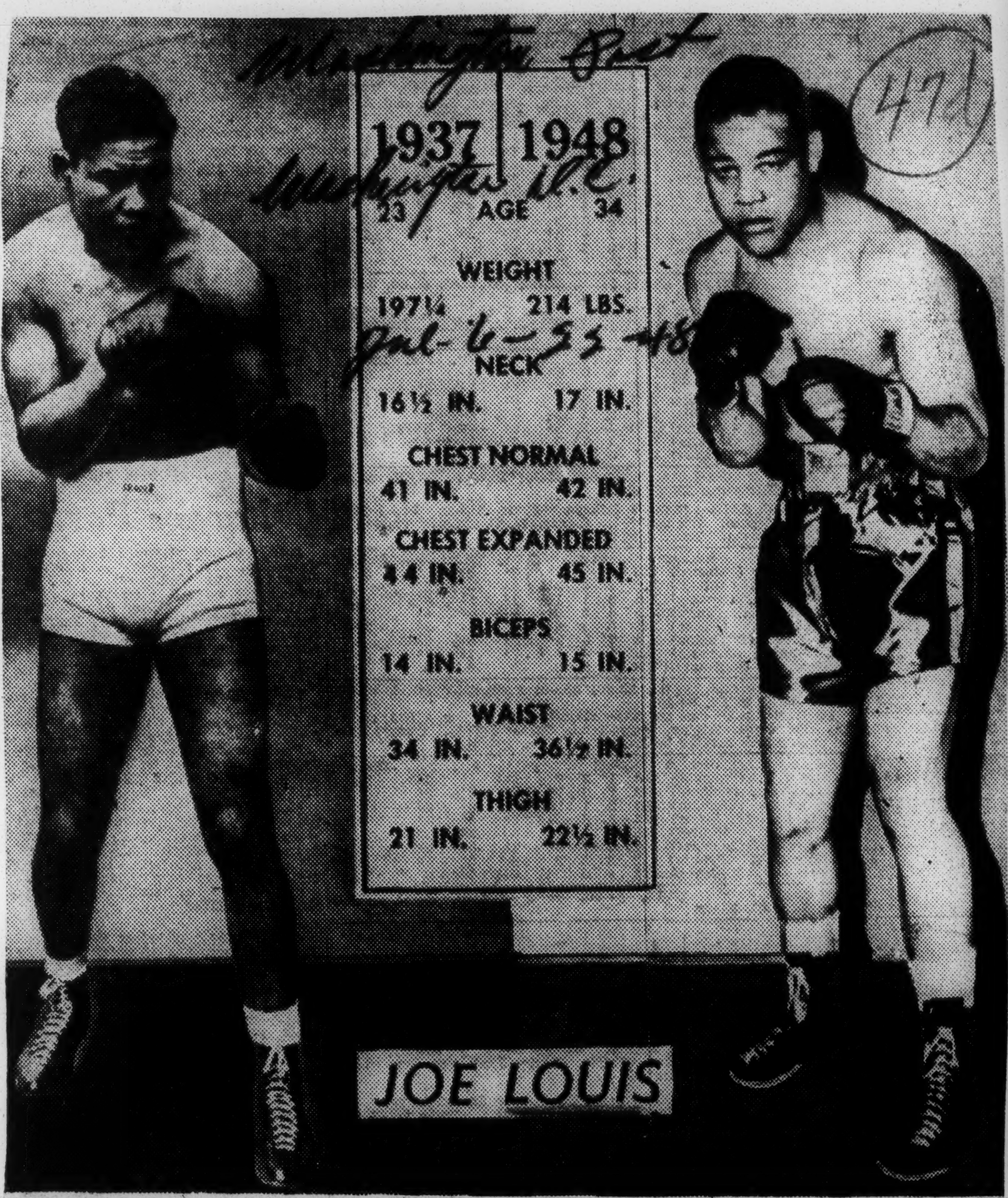

ELEVEN YEARS AGO AND NOW—This photo chart of Joe Louis shows differences in the physical makeup of the heavyweight champion since his long reign began in 1937. Aside from the change in facial expression, most noticeable diifference is in Louis' weight. Whether or not Joe Walcott is faeing the same fighter that dethroned Jimmy Braddock more than a decade ago will be decided tomorrow night

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Times-Picayune New Orleans.

Louis Shows Sharp Left in Workout

Lesnevich, Handler Impressed by Performance

Mon. 6-14-48

(The Associated Press)

Pompton Lakes, N. J., June 13.—Rain forced Joe Louis indoors today, disappointing hundreds of fans who had journeyed here to watch the heavyweight champion work out.

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Only 500 spectators could make their way into the indoor gym.

The champ, drilling for his return title fight with Jersey Joe Walcott at Yankee Stadium June 23, looked real sharp today. Louis boxed with Shamus O'Brien, McKinley English, Dick Hagan and Roy Taylor.

Jack Solomon, the English fight promoter, Joe Vella, manager of light heavyweight king Gus Lesnevich, and Lee Savold, veteran heavyweight scrapper, watched the workout. They all were impressed with the champ's sharpness.

The champ worked on his defense for right hand punches. His straight left and his left handed hooks had his sparmates worried today. English was staggered by a hook but Louis then let up on him.

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Roy Taylor boxed the last round with Louis and as usual ran like a thief, but Louis using new tactics, just stood in the center of the ring and waited for

Taylor to stop running instead of chasing him as he did Walcott in the fight last December.

Solomon said "Louis looks a hundred per cent better today than when I saw him boxing in England and he looks much better than when I saw him before the last fight with Billy Conn."

Gus Vella, Lesnevich's manager said, "Joe looked very good but I still think there is room for improvement. He shoud improve a great deal in the next ten days."

New York Herald Tribune

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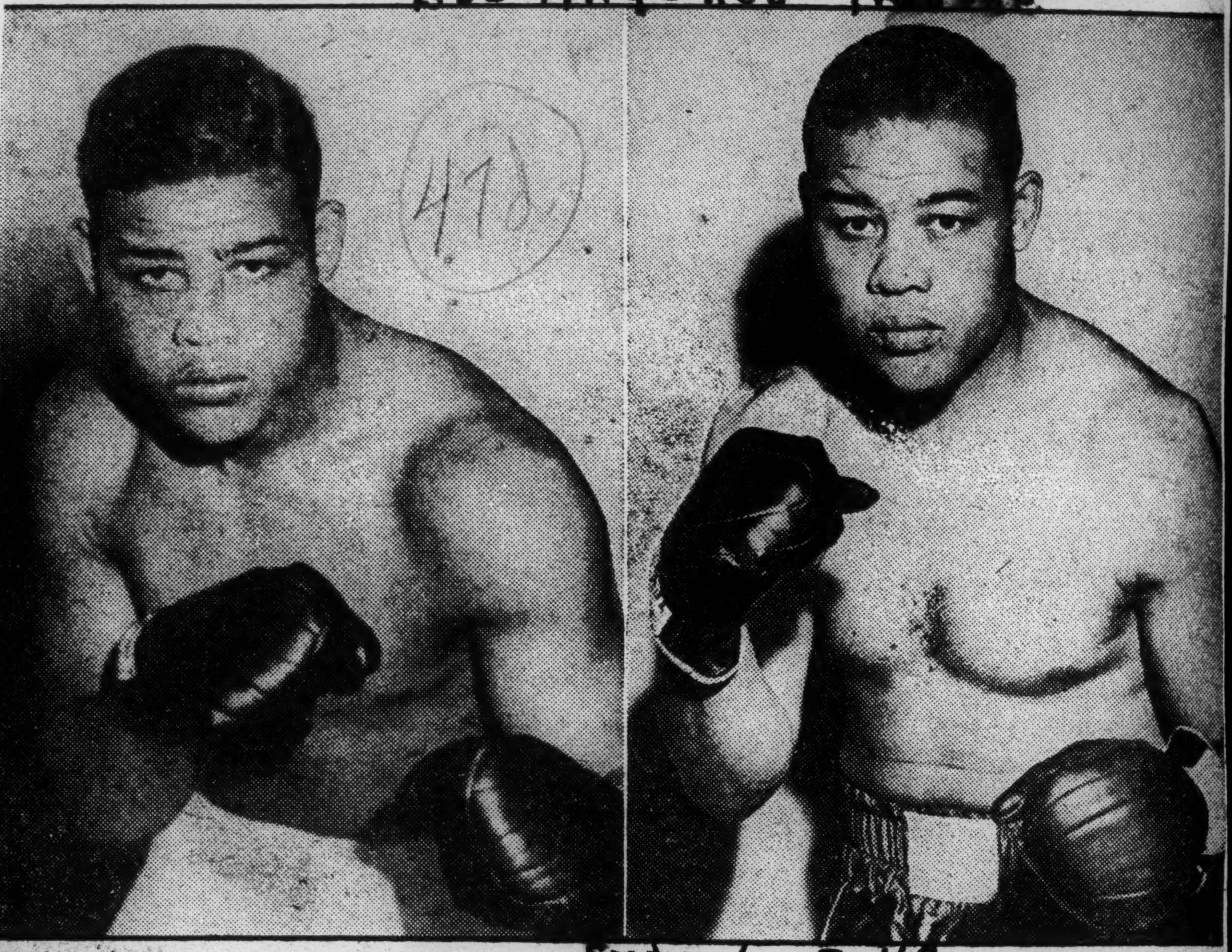
Sun. 6-20-48

Herald Tribune—Acme

TOILING CHAMPION AND CONFIDENT CHALLENGER: Joe Louis (left), who will defend the world's heavyweight boxing championship against Jersey Joe Walcott (right) on Wednesday night, is shown hard at work at his training quarters; Walcott appears to feel he's bound to win

Then and Now--The Champ Shows Little Change

Los Angelles Tribune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The time: 1935. "Dead Pan" Joe Louis, left, poses for cameramen before his fight with Primo Carnera at his Pompton Lakes, N. J., training camp. The time: 1948. Thirteen years later, a little heavier but with still the same dead-pan expression, Joe Louis, right, strikes a fighting pose at his Pompton Lakes camp where h is prepping for his second bout with Jersey Joe Walc York's Madison Square Garden on June 23.

This Morning

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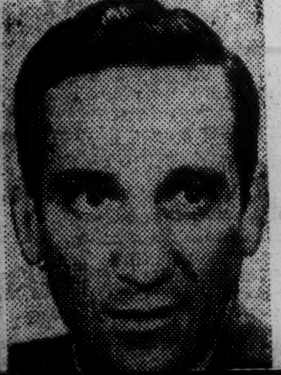
Washington, D.C.

With Shirley Povich

POMPTON LAKES, N. J., June 21.—The Joe Louis of Pompton Lakes is a mean, purposeful man this week, no longer the cheery fellow who used to let up on sparring partners and wave gaily to his newspaper friends at the ringside in his training camp.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It's not a Joe Louis unmasked. He always was, natively, a god felow and until the last few days he was still smiling. But Joe Louis isn't smiling any more. That dosen't fit in with his present mod. Nor does shaving, either. He had to a two-day growth of whiskers and eyes for nothing but the business at hand when he crawled through the ropes for a four-round workout today.

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"Hi-ya, Joe, I'll be rootin' fer wa Wednesday night," yelled Izzy Kaplan, the Mirror's little gnome-like man who has been covering Joe Louis training camps for ten years, knows him well and is just like that with the champion. Louis did turn to look at his well-wisher, but you couldn't quite call it the courtesy of a look. He turned a fierce pair of eyes on Izzy and didn't speak. If you can brush a man off or knock him out with a look, that's what Louis did.

AROUND LOUIS' CAMP there's a well-defined feeling that Joe is fighting for more than the retention of his world heavyweight title when he mets Jersey Joe Walcott on Wednesday evening. Joe Louis is a proud man. He wants to retire undefeated. He has powerful incentives for wanting to beat Walcott. He never tok a fight so seriously, unless it was the second fight with Max Schmeling, the only man who knocked him out.

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Louis wants to be champion when he walks out of the ring Wednesday night, but there's a tie-in there. Because he is fighting another colored man there's an extra penalty to defeat. Joe likes the idea of being the No. 1 man of his race. He's proud of what he has done to better the lot of Negroes and the esteem in which he has been held by white and colored alike.

He takes his championship of the colored race seriously, and is aware that his regime as world's heavyweight champion has done much to counter-act the blot of Jack Johnson, the only previous Negro champion. He feels it some kind of a duty that he keep the title and continue to dignify the Negro athlete. Winning a fight for those reasons is a new motive with him.

THERE'S ANOTHER FACTOR. His best friends, colored and white, tell you about it. Louis has begun to feel that his place as champion of his race has been challenged somewhat. The tremendous enthusiasm, among both whites and Negroes, for the gallant showing of Jackie Robinson of the Brooklyn Dodgers, is regarded as a threat to Louis top-hole rating among Negro athletes.

Robinson has had no greater rooter than Louis himself who is a baseball fan and friend of Jackie. Robinson was the first to crash the racial barriers of the big leagues and like Louis has worn his success with dignity. But Joe would still like to be kingpin. It's not empty talk that he makes of retiring undefeated. He wants out with grace and dignity, his title yielded but not lost.

And so his sparring partners have been catching it in recent days. The man who used to be content to pull his punches in training now sees Walcott before him. He says freely that he doesn't aim to outbox Walcott. He concedes that at 34, after 11 years as champion, he has slipped but he says he's still a good puncher.

TIGER ROY TAYLOR, the Louis sparring partner that most nearly resembles Walcott with his fotwork and fancy boxing has been catching it in particular in recent workouts. Louis has even been resorting to clubbing him ni the clinches. His handlers tell you they've seen nothing like it since the training camp of his second Schemling fight.

That's why it could be a different fight from the first Walcott fight when a somewhat over-confident Louis wasn't mad at anybody. He unloosed such fury against Schmeling that even hitting Max in the back he broke a couple of valuable vertebrae, ended the fight in one round and sent Schmeling to the hospital. It was a Joe Louis with neither caution nor mercy.

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And so on Wednesday night Louise will be aiming for a quick knockout. His own estimate is that he's lost 20 per cent of his speed. He always has been honest that way and he says now he can punch as well as ever, and you have to believe that, too. He's angry at the thought of losing to Walcott. Leaving the Louis camp you find yourself thinking Walcott will be fighting Joe Louis again but he won't be fighting the same Joe Louis.

Believe Bomber Due To Beat Walcott By An Early Knockout

Chi Defender

The majority of fight fans throughout the country believe, from the contents of letters sent to the Chicago Defender's sports editor, that Jersey Joe Walcott will meet the same fate that all of Joe Louis's challengers have met when they have faced the Brown Bomber the second time.

The letters come from far away points as well as those close to Louis' hometown, Chicago. One is from a minister in Arkansas. Another is from a 72-year-old man who an admirer of the late Jack Johnson.

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Only a few believe Walcott has a chance to lift the world heavyweight championship crown from Louis. The majority perfer to "string along with Louis." He is the idol of the throng. Sentiment is heavily in his favor.

What do you think? Your guess is as good as the next fellow's Write your prediction of the outcome of the fight on June 23 to Fay Young, sports editor of the Chicago Defender, box 5528, Chicago, Ill.

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Here are some of the answers:

BROOKLYN, N. Y.: I think Joe Louis will win by a knockout He is very angry, I would say, because Walcott is boasting too much Louis is certain that he will win
Breedie Carnes
A gospel singer.

TALKS TOO MUCH

PHILADELPHIA: You know what happened to the bragging Max Schmeling when he met Louis the second time. Well, the same thing is going to happen to Jersey Joe Walcott. Louis does his "talking" in the ring. He wasn't in condition and had unestimated Jersey Joe's ability the first time. Louis is shrewd enough not to make the same mistake twice. He is the greatest of all heavyweight champions. Let's hope he retires undefeated.
Billy Thomas

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky.: I still have my faith in Joe Louis. Yes, he will retain his title by winning over Walcott on June 23.
Mrs. Willie Mae Jeanette

LOS ANGELES, It ie Joe Louis by a knockout in less than 10 rounds providing that Walcott doesn't run that so that Louis can't locate him. Even if Walcott does back-pedal, Louis will retain his crown. I am hoping that Walcott stands up and fight and not run.
Lige Spiller

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TEXARKANA, Texas: I think Joe Louis can and will lick any fighter in a return match and that includes Jersey Joe Walcott on June 23. I'll string along with Louis as usual.
Leon Nelson.

LOVEJOY, Ill: In my opinion Jersey Joe Walcott will win on June 23.
Mrs. Mary Hamilton.

CHICAGO: There will be no doubt left in anybody's mind as to who is the best heavyweight fighter. Joe Louis will catch Jersey Joe Walcott this time and will win by a knockout within five rounds.
Howard J. Gilmore.

LOUISVILLE, Miss.: The coming fight on June 23 will be altogether different from the one of Dec. 5. Louis will be ready and will win. The chances are, if Walcott doesn't run. Louis will give Jersey Joe what he (Louis owes him.) Louis will be able to get in shape since he has given up golf. Jersey Joe can't keep out of the way of Louis' devastating knockout blows. I don't believe that Jersey Joe will knock Louis down on June 23.
Margie Ree Daily

NEW YORK: My opinion of the winner of the June 23 fight is Jersey Joe Walcott—yes, by a knockout. He has Louis' number and that's all there is to the story.
Tricksee "Legs" McNeil

BEAULAH, Miss.: Joe Louis will knock Jersey Joe Walcott out of his pants in the second or third round.
Mary Bell Craig

A MINISTER'S OPINION

ROUND POND, Ark.: Louis will win over Walcott as he did over Max Schmeling in his second fight with the German. I think my opinion is right. God showed me, in a vision in 1936, that Louis would never be whipped. No man will beat Louis.
Rev. L. S. Bradley

JACKSON, Miss.: Joe Louis will lick Jersey Joe in the June 23 fight. I hope Walcott will stand still long with enough to fight this time. Walcott knows Louis is a good fighter. Louis knows he can't take any chances with Walcott. My advice to Louis is to get it over quick. My advice to Walcott is to stay out of the reach of Louis' right.
Jimmie Porter

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CLEARWATAR, Fla.: Louis will win by a quick knockout. I think Louis did something for a point in that Dec. 5 fight. In the June scrap Louis will win inside of six rounds. I have watched Louis in the ring. He can punch. He can jab. . . . .
Kid Jackson Lewis . .

DETROIT: Louis is still the champion. Louis will still be the champion after June 23. Louis is Walcott's master. Even though Louis did look bad in the Dec. 5 bout, Walcott is out of his class. If Walcott is as good as they give him credit of being. he would have knocked Louis out. He didn't. It will take more than Walcott to dethrone Louis on June 23.
Johnnie Walker

LOS ANGELES: I think Joe Louis will knock Walcott out in the seventh round.
John E. Barnette

SHREVEPORT, La.,: Walcott whipped Louis once and he will do it again.
Rev. R. F. Oliver

SARAH, Miss.: Joe Louis will let go one "awful" blow and that will be the finish of Jersey Joe Walcott.
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rich

DUMAS, Ark.: I am an old ex-amateur of the Jack Johnson days. I will be 73 years old on April 23, 1948. Was born in Bastrop, La.; in 1875. I am afraid that Louis will have a hard time on June 23.
Sam W. Hardin.

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JOE UNDEFEATED

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.: Out of all the fights Joe Louis fought, as a champion, he never lost a battle. How can you think he can loose this one? I am in noways worried about Jersey Joe Walcott whipping Louis. The only thing I am worried about is the possibility of Walcott running out of the ring and breaking his neck.
Lindsay Mayfield

MURPHYSBORO, Ill.: Louis will knock Jersey Joe out in five rounds. The trip abroad means lots to Louis. I can never forget the words of Louis after the second Schmeling fight: "Never let the same thing happen twice." Jersey Joe is another Tut Jackson. He has the wrong style of fighting to take the crown from a fighter like Louis. I was a pugilist back in the 1920s but am now a preacher. I still am a lover of pugilism after 11 years in the pulpit. Bye, bye Jersey Joe on June 23.
Rev. A. J. Edwards

LUFKIN, Texas: Louis will put

Walcott to sleep in short time
Walter Morris

Editor's note: Morris is champion nail driver. His record is driving 1,500 six-penny nails down to the head in 25 minutes).

MEMPHIS: I don't think Jersey Joe will be lucky in keeping out of the champion's way on June 23. I don't think Jersey Joe will put the champion on the canvas twice like he did on June 23. I think Jersey Joe talks too much and when it is all over Joe Louis will still be the world heavyweight champion.
Mrs. Ida Mae Williams.

Louis-Walcott Ducats $50 Tops

Defender
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NEW YORK—The scale of ticket prices for the Joe Louis-Jersey Walcott heavyweight title bout at the Yankee Stadium, Wednesday, June 23, was announced Tuesday by Sol Strauss, acting head of the 20th Century Sporting Club.

Ringside and mezzanine box seats are priced at $50, with the other reserved seats selling at $30, $20, and $10. These prices include all taxes.

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Although the tickets will not be ready until about May 15, orders are now being accepted when accompanied by money order or certified checks. 6-19-48

Is Walcott The Man To End Joe's String?

Defender
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BY FAY YOUNG

Will Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion who has been undefeated since winning the title from James J. Braddock in Comiskey Park, Chicago, on June 22, 1937, keep his crown on June 23, 1948? Sat. 6-19-48

We will give you some facts and let you decide for yourself.

The Brown Bomber admits that he was out of condition when he fought Arnold Cream, better known in boxing circles as Jersey Joe Walcott, on Dec. 5, 1947. Jersey Joe stayed 15 rounds, put the great Joe Louis on the seat of his pants twice and then stood in a daze when the two judges gave the verdict to Louis. The referee had voted for Walcott.

EXPERTS DIFFERED

There has been—and will always be—a question of doubt and a hard thing to prove that Louis really won over Walcott. Wise and seasoned boxing writers like Grantland Rice, dean of the ring experts, said is was the worst decision in his 40 years of reporting sport events. 6-19-48 Sat.

A poll of the boxing writers and sports editors at the ringside, men men who have followed Louis in all his fights and men who like the champion, follows:

FOR LOUIS: James Dawson, New York Times, 8 rounds to 7 for Walcott; John Trimble, New York Daily News, 7-6-2; Tom Meany, PM, New York, 9-6; Joe Gootter, Paterson, N.J., Evening News, 9-6; Dan Parker, New York Mirror, 9-6; Red Smith, New York Herald Tribune, 8-7; Jim Jennings, N.Y. Daily Mirror, 7-6-2; James Nichols, New York Times, 8-7.

FOR WALCOTT: George Barton (himself a referee of note), Minneapolis Tribune, 8 for Walcott, 6 for Louis, 1 even; Sec Taylor, Des Moines Register Tribune, 8-6-1; Wilbur Wood, New York Sun, 11-4; Louis Bromberg, New York World Telegram, 10-5; Ted Meir, Associated Press, 9-5-1; Leo Peterson, United Press, 7-6-2; Bob Considine, International News Service, 8-7; Jack Cuddy, United Press, 7-6-2; Whitey Lewis, Cleveland, O., News, 8-7; Gordon Cobbledick, Cleveland, O., Plaindealer, 7-6-2; Hank O'Donnell, Waterbury Conn., Republican, 12-2-1; Lewis Burton, New York Journal American, 8-6-1, and Jesse Linthicum, Baltimore Sun, 8-5-2.

The consensus was that Walcott had won the battle.

Referee Ruby Goldstein voted 7 rounds for Louis, 6 for Walcott and 2 even. Goldstein marked his card 15 points for Walcott and 12 for Louis.

Judge Marty Monroe gave Louis 9 rounds, Walcott, 6. Hh scored 11 points for Louis and 10 for Frank Forbes, New York's Ne- Walcott thus giving Louis the fight. gro judge scored 8 rounds for Louis, 6 for Walcott and 2 even. Forbes marked the points as follows: Louis 9, Walcott 12.

As the New York state boxing law is to the effect that bouts are won on rounds and not on points, Louis retained his championship. On the point scoring, as used in most states, Walcott had 37, Louis 32. 6-19-48 Sat.

Naturally Walcott thought he had won. His seconds, blamed for sending Jersey Joe in to stay away from Louis those last two rounds, were disgusted. But both of the judges and the referee gave Louis the 14 and 14. This writer thought Louis had those two rounds by a wide margin.

Louis, in his dressing room told reporters "I told you before the fight that I wasn't the fighter that I was at 23."

LOUIS OFF FORM

Those who saw the last fight admitted, as Louis has since, that the champion was off in his timing, that he failed to use his right to any extent in the first four rounds, that the 10-year reign as champion had taken a heavy toll on him .that Louis wasn't any 1 to 9 favorite to win as the betting commissioners quoted before fight time.

Reports from Louis' camp have the champion within one ponud of the 214 weight he will enter the ring on June 23. These reports have the Brown Bomber in excellent condition. There are those who have seen Richard Hagan, 1947 International Golden Gloves champion who scored the only knockout on the card, give Louis some tough rounds. Shamus O' Brien, who disappointed the fans in his Chicago debut, is one of Louis' sparmates.

It is a known fact that Louis' exihibitions in the outdoor ring are strictly for the fans. His real workouts come early in the morning in the indoor ring away from the eyes of the public and whatever spies Walcott may have hanging around the Louis' camp.

But Jack Blacgburn is dead. The mastermind of the Louis camp is no more. Blackburn ruled Louis in the training camp and in the ring between the rounds. He was the boss. It is rumored that Manny Seamon, Louis' white trainer is doing a good job, Joe takes matters in his own hands.

At the end of the fifth round in Madison Square Garden, Seamon showed his displeasure and Larry Amadee of Chicago, who is in Louis' corner at most of his fights, too kover the advising the champion.

It is going to take a bit more than being in shape tobeatWalcott. Take a peek at what happened in recapture of the world middleweight championship by Tony Zale of Gary, Ind., who knocked out Rocky Graziano in Newark, N.J., in the third round on Thursday night, June 10. A crowd of 22,000 saw Zale regain his laurels, lost to Graziano in Chicago in July, 1947 in the Chicago Stadium on a night which was stuffy and the fans sweltered as if being in a Turkish bath.

WALCOTT WASN'T SMART

New Yorkers said Graziano couldn't be beaten by Zale. Zale's manager, Art Winch, predicted Zale would win by a knockout in the third. Zale did that but he did it because his blows were accurate and had plenty of power.

Louis' blows against Walcott in their last meeting lacked the accuracy and the power. Walcott dumped Louis on the seat of his pants twice but he wasn't the Buddy Baer. Tony Galento, and Autoro Godoy had Louis down. There were others including Braddock.

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Walcott lacked the smartness to follow up after Louis was down for the seven count in the fourth round. Louis had enough instinct to go into a clinch until the round virtually ended.

The Brown Bomber declares he is going "after Walcott" with a vengeance this time. He plans body blows to wear Walcott down and then knock him out in a hurry.

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Louis is meeting the 10th man for the second time. He has always showed better against his opponents that second time. He doesn't make the same mistakes.

HE KNOCKS 'EM OUT

The champion has knocked out every man he has fought the second time. The record speaks for itself. Here it is: 1st bout, 2nd bout

Willie Davis	K.O.	3	K.O.	2
Willie Davis	K.O.	3	K.O.	2
Lee Ramage	K.O.	8	K.O.	2
Natie Brown	Won	10	K.O.	4
Max Schmeling,	K.O. by	12	K.O.	1
Bob Pastor	Won	10	K.O.	11
Arturo Godoy	Won	15	K.O.	8
Abe Simon	Won	13	K.O.	6
Buddy Baer	K.O.	7	K.O.	1
Billy Conn	K.O.	13	K.O.	8
Joe Walcott,	Won	15	?	? ?

Louis has held the title 11 years, the longest of any heavyweight champion. He won it at 23 years of age—the youngest man to ever win the heavyweight crown. Jack Johnson, Jim Jeffries and Jack Johnson each held the championship seven years. John L. Sillivan held the title 10.

Movies Show Me Way to Beat Walcott—Joe

(47) Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.

By JOE LOUIS

POMPTON LAKES, N.J.—I'm going to be a picture fighter against Jersey Joe Walcott June 23. Everything I do that night at Yankee Stadium will be the result of watching the movies of my first fight with Walcott.

I was terrible in that bout. I knew it after the fight. But seeing myself on the screen every night at my camp here has convinced me of that.

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Sometimes I sit in the darkness watching the film and I wonder if that's me up on the screen, fumbling around and trying to throw punches.

Says Walcott Won't Change

I don't bother looking at Walcott because I know he knows the kind of fight he fought. He knows, too, that he can't change his style for our return bout because he can only fight one way.

So I watch myself to find out the mistakes I made. Long ago, when my first trainer, Jack Blackburn, was living, we'd go over every fight together.

"Joe," he would say to me, "You shouldn't have thrown that left and then dropped it. Gonna get hit with right counters that way. Find yourself on the fl or some night and nothing will help you."

"I Miss Blackburn Now"

I miss Blackburn now—miss him mostly because he was a great student of boxing and could have told me my mistakes in the Walcott fight.

6-19-48

So the movies of the first fight with Jersey Joe are now my Blackburn. I have to try to do the job he did so well before. He was a great trainer.

My present trainer, Mannie Seaman, sits down with me at film time and we slow down the movie and discuss what went wrong.

Mistakes Right in Front

It's a big help. It isn't often that a man can look back on his mistake and find that he doesn't have to look back at all, because the mistakes are right in front of him.

That's something I can do now. The films make this possible. The films also made a lot of money for me, so I think they're great.

It's a funny thing. The films of the first great fight brought in a lot of money because it went 15 rounds. Now I'm using the same films to find a way to knock out Walcott quickly the second time around.

And, it's no double exposure to tell you that I think I've found the way. Matter of fact. I have.

Just Camp Talk

I read that Jersey Joe Walcott says he's all set to fight the same way he did last December, in our return fight, a week from Wednesday night at the Yankee Stadium. For me, that is funny. You see, Jersey Joe has been saying all along that I will be beaten because I know how to fight one way. And now Jersey Joe comes along and says he's going to stick to his style.

I don't believe him. That's so much camp talk. I also read he was using his left hand in training and that his camp followers insist that he'll beat me with the left hand. Now isn't that odd. Here's a fellow who knocked me down twice with right hands in our first fight. They weren't hard punches, they didn't hurt me, but they put me in a most embarrasing position, which is on my trunks.

So, instead of sticking to the story and saying Jersey Joe's right is his punch, his followers are sticking up for his left. They don't really mean it.

They want me to go into that ring looking for Jersey Joe to throw left hooks while all the time he's plotting to hit me with rights. I don't want to discourage the Walcott camp, but this will let them know that I'm up to their game. Well it's all in the business.

Predicts Quick End

As for me, I've never been better in training camp. That covers my entire career. I'm working hard, my sparring partners are offering the kind of opposition that will sharpen me for the fight ahead.

Its not going to be a distance fight because I will not let it go the full 15 rounds. Right now I can't say which round it will end in. Maybe, by the end of the week, I'll let you know. but definitely.

Infected Foot Puts Walcott on Sideline

Afro-American
(47) Baltimore, Md.

GRENLOCK, N.J.—Because of an infected foot, Jersey Joe Walcott, heavyweight challenger, was compelled Tuesday to halt his training for the title bout with Joe Louis until Thursday.

Tipping the scale at 198, 3½ pounds more than when he met Louis last December, Jersey Joe said that the infection was not of a serious nature and that he would resume training today (Thursday).

POMPTON LAKES—Joe Louis also took a day off Tuesday at the insistence of his trainer, Manny Seamon.

Bal. 6-5-48

Louis resumed heavy training yesterday (Thursday) and suffered a bloody nose for his pains. His first sparring mate, Johnny Hubbard, who employs a style similar to Walcott's, reached Joe with an overhand right and brought the claret.

6-5-48

Joe's week-end plans call for outdoor drills Saturday, Sunday and Monday and, probably, Tuesday.

Louis, a Mere 214, Takes Things Easy

Detroit Free Press

POMPTON LAKES, N.J.—(AP)—The scales showed that Joe Louis weighed only 214 pounds and so the world heavyweight boxing champion did only 30 minutes of calisthenics in preparation for his bout June 23 with Jersey Joe Walcott.

Wed. 6-9-48

Louis said he had been concentrating on his left jab in recent weeks and it "seems sharper than ever." He will box on Thursday and again on both Saturday and Sunday.

47d 1948 Joe Louis (Walcott--June)

1-9-48

This is it. Heavyweight champion Joe Louis wears a broad smile and so does promoter Sol Strauss as the champion signs to defend his heavyweight title at a New York ball park this Summer. PM New York N.Y. Fri 1-9-48

Louis Signs for June Fight; Gets Video, Radio Cut

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PM New York, N.Y. Fri. 1-9-48

June

By Heywood Hale Broun

Sol Strauss can now hear the name of Herman Taylor without a quiver of fear, for Sol yesterday signed up Joe Louis for a June title bout after a couple of touchy days in which Joe was pointing out that his contract with the 20th Century Sporting Club was no good any more. PM New York, N.Y.

Joe also said that Taylor's offer for a fight in Philadelphia was better than Strauss' and it's known that Joe Walcott's handlers, Felix Bocchicchio and Joe Webster, would rather work for Taylor than 20th Century. Fri. 1-9-48

The contract Louis signed yesterday does not cover his services after the next fight, in line with the champion's insistence that this fight is his last. Neither does it specify the opponent, although the betting is still strong that Walcott will fall into line and take the bout.

Will Get Part Of Video and Radio

Louis will receive his customary 40 per cent of the gate for this, his 25th title defense, but he'll get a little extra something out of the television and radio. PM New York N.Y.

The 20th Century Club's exclusive contracts with present radio and television sponsors expire on May 31 and for this fight radio and television will be put up for open bidding. Forty per cent of the winning bids will go to Louis. Previously Louis has not received such a large percentage, nor has the fee been as big as it probably will be this time. Fri. 1-9-48

The signing, which took place early yesterday afternoon at Strauss' offices, ended a couple of months of dickering, but it seems likely that there is still some dickering left before Walcott is rounded up. Strauss expects to confer with Webster and Bocchicchio in a week or ten days. Webster said yesterday, "My boy won't fight for the challenger's cut of 20 per cent. We want more. I'll be in New York soon to talk to Sol Strauss and I think we can iron out the differences concerning the money end."

With the finish of the Taylor threat it seems likely that the ironing out will consist of the acceptance of the challenger's cut of 20 per cent. PM New York, N.Y.

If the fight draws well as expected, 20 per cent would amount to more than $300,000, not a sum which Walcott can make from appearing on radio programs to tell how he floored Louis twice in their still disputed last bout. Fri. 1-9-48

Probable site of the fight is Yankee Stadium and the probable date is June 23. The Yankees have open dates between June 18 and June 28.

Likes New York Better

The probable gate is $1,500,000. Despite Louis' statement that the Philadelphia offer was better, his strategy board felt that the big crowd of political convention visitors on whom Taylor was counting for a hyped-up take, might be more interested in the conventions than in the fight. PM New York, N.Y.

"I think we can make more in New York than anywhere else," said Marshall Miles, Louis' manager. "Look at those fights they put on in Louisville before the Kentucky Derby. A hundred thousand people there for the race and none of them go to the fights. They're all thinking about the race."

A phone call from Mike Jacobs, who is in Miami, is supposed to have swayed Louis towards sticking at the old stand. After the signing Joe tried to call Mike to tell him the news, but the ailing promoter was spending the day at the race track. Fri. 1-9-48

Tunney: Is Louis 'Battered Old Man'

PM New York N.Y.
Fri. 1-9-48

MIAMI BEACH

Former heavyweight champion Gene Tunney says "any young man with a little ring savvy and a punch can pluck the championship right off that slender thread from which it is dangling."

Tunney, in a talk before the Rod and Reel Club, declared champion Joe Louis is a "battered old man. . . . The great man-killer is now a second-rater and showed it in his fight with Walcott." Fri. 1-9-48

Poll Favors Louis to Win Over Walcott In June Bout

The Courier-Journal
Louisville, Ky. Tues. 1-6-48

New York, Jan. 5 (AP)—Joe Louis will defeat Jersey Joe Walcott next June, probably by a knockout, in the opinion of over 80 per cent of the sports editors from coast to coast who participated in the annual year-end poll conducted by the Associated Press.

Although the bout has not been signed by the Twentieth Century Sporting Club or any other promoter, most of the writers assumed that the veteran Jersey battler who came so close to dethroning the champ would get the call.

Joe Louis

Currently Walcott is holding out for a larger share of the gate from the 20th Century for the outdoor fight. Philadelphia is the latest city to put in a bid. The Courier-Journal

Only five writers named other heavyweights. Three thought Gus Lesnevich, the light heavyweight king, would be the foe. One tabbed Joey Maxim as an opponent and another said he thought Joe would fight "somebody he can beat." No names were mentioned. Louisville, Ky.

CHANGED

A little over a month ago there would have been no point to the Associated Press question, "Whom do you think Joe Louis will meet in June and what will be the result?" There had been little cause for concern about the result of a Louis bout for so long, that the name of the opposition had not mattered. 1-6-48

The Walcott bout in Madison Square Garden, early in December, changed all that. Tues.

Louis, N. Y. Fight Club 'Practically Close' Deal

The Courier-Journal

New York, Jan. 7 (AP)—Joe Louis, his handlers and Twentieth Century Sporting Club officials continued their negotiation today over a few minor details on a contract for a title bout here next June. Louisville, Ky.

The 20th announced last night that it had "practically closed" with the heavyweight champion for a title defense in June. Louis is to get 40 per cent of the gate against an opponent yet unnamed but whom the 20th expects to be Jersey Joe Walcott. Thurs. 1-8-48

Radio, television and movie proceeds were discussed today and a 20th spokesman said tonight that an agreement was expected to be reached tomorrow.

With the champion in hand, Sol Strauss, acting director of the fight organization in the absence of Mike Jacobs, is in a better position to dicker with Walcott.

LOUIS SIGNS TODAY FOR STADIUM BOUT

The Times

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Walcott Acceptance Expected in 2 Weeks—Tandberg Ends Training for Maxim Fight

New York N.Y.
Thurs 1-8-48

By JAMES P. DAWSON

A six-hour session at the Twentieth Century Sporting Club yesterday ended with the announcement that State Athletic Commission contracts binding Joe Louis to defend his world heavyweight title at the Yankee Stadium in June likely would be signed today.

Signing of this contract will be followed by formal renewal of Twentieth Century's lease on Yankee Stadium under an old arrangement whereby through a single contract the fight club has control of the Polo Grounds as well. Thurs. 1-8-48

It was intimated Louis would be asked to sign a contract giving exclusive rights to his services to Twentieth Century, which would be a renewal of an old agreement dating back to the night in 1937 when Louis lifted the title from James J. Braddock in Chicago. This proposed renewal is a safeguard for the club against the possibility Louis reconsiders his announced intention of retiring following the scheduled bout.

Only Minor Details Remain

The Times New York N.Y.

Sol Strauss, directing Twentieth Century affairs during the convalescence of Promoter Mike Jacobs, announced the scheduled signing with confirmation by Louis and the champion's entourage, which included Managers John Roxborough and Marshall Miles and Attorney Truman Gibson of Chicago. All agreed only a few "minor, trivial details" remained to be arranged. Speaking for the champion, Gibson pointedly refrained from reference to future commitments obligating Louis.

The efforts of Strauss now will be directed toward inducing Jersey Joe Walcott to sign contracts as challenger. No mention was made of the Louis foe in the documents typed yesterday by a legal typist especially engaged for the occasion, but the prospective opponent is Walcott, whose close approach to the title in fifteen rounds with the champion last Dec. 5 is fresh in memory. Thurs 1-8-48

Louis is to sign for the champion's customary 40 per cent of the gate. His share of the radio, motion picture and television rights provided the basis for most of the discussion and was not divulged. It was learned, however, that one clause of the bout contract would specify the Yankee Stadium as the site. Tom Gallery, Yankee executive in charge of rentals, attended part of the conference, departing with the assertion "as soon as the champion's contract is signed a lease of the Stadium will be arranged."

Rental Basis Graduated

The Times New York, N.Y.

The ball park lease will differ from previous agreements, Strauss said, in that, instead of a straight 10 per cent rental, it will provide a graduated rental basis, the revision downward as the receipts soar. Exact details were not divulged. 1-8-48

Strauss was in communication with Felix Bocchicchio, one of Walcott's advisers, and announced he expected to sign the challenger within two weeks, notwithstanding reports Walcott would insist on more than the 20 per cent set as the maximum for a challenger.

TITLE BOUT STALEMATE

The Times New York, N.Y.

Louis-Walcott Conferees Fail to Agree on Purse Division

Tues 1-27-48

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Jan. 26 (UP)—Mike Jacobs, Sol Strauss and Felix Boccicchio wound up in a bitter stalemate today in their efforts to fix purse arrangements for the proposed return match between Champion Joe Louis and Jersey Joe Walcott for the heavyweight title.

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In the first conference at Jacobs' winter home on Normandy Isle, Boccicchio, who has an exclusive contract for Walcott's services, reportedly offered to accept 25 per cent of the net receipts, rather than the 30 per cent he asked originally. The Times

But Strauss and Jacobs, the head men of the 20th Century Sporting Club and holders of the champion's contract, remained adamant in their 20 per cent top offer to Jersey Joe. New York, N.Y.

Tues 1-27-48

Strauss, who has carried on the active end of the business while Jacobs has been recuperating here from a serious illness, sounded disgusted as he discussed the matter after the meeting. He had arrived here a short time before by plane from New York. 1-27-48

"They're taking a very unfair attitude," he complained. "We're offering them as much as any challenger ever has received. But we're just the same way we started."

Walcott Gets 'Ultimatum'

(478) Daily Worker

New York, N.Y. Fri. 2-20-48

Joe Louis left for England yesterday aboard the Queen Mary with a parting ultimatum that Jersey Joe Walcott sign for a return title bout within two weeks "or else I'll have to fight somebody else."

The latest hitch in the contract negotiations occurred yesterday when Walcott rejected Sol Strauss' demands for a 30-30 split of a third fight in the event Louis lost in June and desired a return match.

Walcott turned it down, saying: "It means I have to beat Louis three times to get a champion's cut of a fight."

Louis, when questioned whether this "third fight" guarantee meant he was thinking of delaying his retirement plans after June, replied. **"I haven't changed my mind about retiring. It still goes, but Strauss wanted a return fight contract. For 11 years everybody had to sign a 30-30 return contract. Why not Walcott? I'm still the champion, and Walcott's not going to name the terms."** 2-20-48

Obviously annoyed by this latest snarl in the contract negotiations which two days ago seemed almost sealed with Walcott ready to agree to a 40-20 cut, the champion put it this way: **"Walcott put up a good fight. Nobody's denying it. He deserves a return. But if he don't sign in two weeks we'll have to find another opponent. I'm getting tired of all this."** Daily Worker

Louis reiterated that he felt Gus Lesnevich would draw as big a crowd as Walcott in June, especially if the light-heavy champ repeats his kayo over Billy Fox in a title tilt March 5 at the Garden. Fri. 2-20-48

From his Camden home, Jersey Joe got in his say: **"If Louis thinks he can put over Gus Lesnevich or anybody else as a challenger and draw a million dollars, let him go ahead and try it."** The 34-year-old veteran who came so close to dethroning the champ last December, added. **"I've given in on a lot of things, but I'm not going to give in any more. Let them run a championship fight without me and see how much backing they will get from the public."** New York, N.Y.

Jacobs to Quit Boxing 'Forever' After Louis-Walcott June Fight

478 The Times New York, N.Y.

Fri. 1-23-48

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Jan. 22 (AP)—Michael Strauss Jacobs, for nearly twenty-five years one of the world's leading fight promoters, announced today that "win, lose or draw," he will "retire from boxing forever" after a return match this spring between heavyweight champion Joe Louis and Jersey Joe Wolcott.

Jacobs, now 67, who has owned Louis' contract since 1935, said in an interview that "when Joe announced he was retiring after this fight, I decided it was time for me to bow out, too."

"We'll see this return match through together and then take it easy." Fri. 1-23-48

Jacobs, better known in boxing circles as "Uncle Mike," said that Felix Boccicchio of Camden, N. J., owner of Joe Walcott's contract, will be "down sometime next week to work out a contract for the return match and that will be the last fight contract I'll ever sign."

His long career in the fight game was climaxed yesterday when Louis surpassed John L. Sullivan's record of holding the title 10 years and 212 days. It also marked the longest period of time a single promoter has held a champion's contract.

Looking back over the years as a promoter, Jacobs recalled that his biggest moment came when Louis, in 1935, then a virtual unknown in big-time boxing, knocked out Max Baer before a crowd that spent almost a million dollars for seats. The Times

"That was when I was wondering if he really was championship material. After that fight I knew I had hit the jackpot." New York

It was just 10 years and 214 days ago that Jacobs deserted Madison Square Garden and took Louis to Chicago to win the title from Jim Braddock. In the intervening years the Brown Bomber has defended his title twenty-four times before a combined gate that grossed approximately $30,000,000. 1-23-48

Jacobs said he planned to remain in Florida to "fish, loaf and raise my daughter." He and his wife, Josie, adopted Joan three years ago when she was only a year old.

As far as he is concerned, there's no dispute about the decision of the recent Louis-Walcott fight. Fri.

BELIEVES LOUIS WEIGHS 240

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Braddock Thinks Joe Has Gone Way Back

The Constitution Atlanta, Ga.

Fri. 3-5-48

By GRANTLAND RICE,

North American Newspaper Alliance

LOS ANGELES, March 4—We ran across Jim Braddock the other day and it was only natural that comment should turn to the Louis-Walcott party in June.

"It will be 11 years, almost to a day, since Louis took away my crown," Braddock said. "I mean when he meets Walcott in June. It's longer ago than I thought it was. It's a long time for a fellow to wear that crown. Most of the time the crown wears you out." Fri. 3-5-48

I asked Big Jim—now around 240 pounds in weight—what he thought of Louis' methods of getting ready for the June show.

Braddock agreed with Dempsey. "I don't think much of it," Jim said. "Louis found back in December that he had slipped far more than anyone believed. He can never be like he used to be, but he at least had the chance to get part of his old form back by starting work at a much earlier date."

Both Braddock and Dempsey were dead sure that Louis was around 240 pounds, instead of the 220 or 225 named. 3-5-48

"I weigh 240 pounds," Braddock said, " and I know Louis is heavier than I am." The Constitution

"I weigh 220," Dempsey told me, "and I'd say Louis was more than 20 pounds heavier. Look at his face and neck." Atlanta, Ga.

"Eleven years at the top is a long time to be there," Braddock said. "Louis deserves a lot of credit for taking care of himself almost that long. I know there wasn't much to beat, but Joe took pretty good care of himself for nearly 10 years.

"It's only in the last year that he has let himself go and he can get to be a fat man pretty quick, if he already isn't one. I notice one of the features of his English trip wasn't the fighters he was to box—but those 300 steaks. You can do a lot of sparring with steaks and not lose much weight. Fri.

"Walcott has a good break. I wish I could have met the Louis of today, eleven years ago. We had a pretty good scrap, as it was.

JOE LOUIS DEPARTS FOR MICHIGAN CAMP

478 The Times

Formalities moved out and training moved into the heavyweight title fight picture yesterday.

(June)

Champion Joe Louis was en route to Michigan to open camp. Jersey Joe Walcott, the challenger, set up shop at Grenloch Park, N. J., near his Camden home.

Louis, who came out of Michigan fourteen years ago to begin his climb to the title, will work at a farm near Bloomingdale, about 160 miles from Detroit.

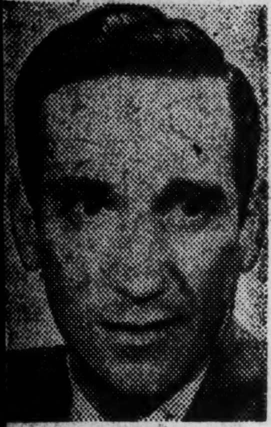
Roadwork is the big item on his program. He will move to Pompton Lakes, N. J., May 18, and start sparring two days later.

Walcott, who thought he won the title the first time he met Louis in December, will begin sparring May 15. New York, N.Y.

The champion said he expected to shed ten pounds and come into the ring weighing about 214 or 215. Walcott guessed his present weight at 200 and expects to weigh 192 to 194 for the fight.

Louis had said the match at the Yankee Stadium on June 23, his twenty-fifth title defense, will be his last, regardless of the outcome. He came off the floor twice to gain a split decision in the December encounter. Fri. 4-16-48

NEW YORK, JUNE 23.—It was a grim, stony-faced Joe Louis who weighed in at 213¾ pounds today for his fight with Jersey Joe Walcott, two hours before the announcement that New York's wettest month in 77 years had caused a postponement until tomorrow.



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Walcott followed Louis into the enclosure in the Garden's lower lobby where the scales were set up, and champion and challenger presented a contrast that couldn't be missed by reporters. Jersey Joe,, not at all flustered, wore a wide Uncle Tom-ish grin and was chewing gum in complete lack of awe at his proximity to the man who would try to knock him dead that night or the next. They didn't bother to shake hands. Walcott did wave his hand in a cheery greeting to the champ and got only a slight nod in return. That didn't appear to bother Jersey Joe who continued to flash his toothy smile at the folks he recognized. He was at ease, Louis was tense and eager to get the unimportant ritual of the weights over with.

It might have been that Louis was a bit self-conscious, too. He was presenting the rare spectacle of a champion with a mouse under his eye even before the fight.

It was a souvenir of his last sparring session, and his handlers had tried to paint it out. Thurs. 6-24-48

IT WAS THE FIRST championship weighing in, incidentally, in which a presidential candidate ever got into the act. Indirectly Governor Dewey, with his hands full—of delegates—at Philadelphia, was represented. State Boxing Commissioner Eddie Eagan, Dewey's appointee, officiated at the scales wearing the biggest Dewey button you ever did see. "It's a lousy ad," said Mushky Jackson, "there ain't a delegate in this crowd.

At the scales there was palaver about the application of grease by Walcott's handlers in the last bout and the Louis camp had complained that the Walcott crowd should be warned about grease. Eagan did warn Jersey Joe. "Grease only facial cuts, not on the body," said Eagan. "They orter grease Walcott's back," said Mushky, an avowed Louis supporter, "then they can drag him off easy when Joe knocks him out."

Eagan had a couple of more things to say. He told 'em this was to be a clean fight and the commission expected 'em to be sportsmen. "Remember," he said, "you're both representing a race that has made more progress in the last 150 years than any other people." There was a gasp from the literate-minded when Rhodes scholar, Yale-Harvard man Eagan, forgetting his comparative, and meaning to say "may the better man win," actually came up with "may the best man win."

THERE WAS NOTHING friendly toward Walcott in Louis' manner. There's no doubt that Walcott has taken rank with Max Schmeling as the only other man Louis actually hates. The champion long ago was miffed by his own sorry showing against Jersey Joe in their last bout, and the indignity of being dumped on the floor twice, but he could have forgiven Walcott for that. Thurs. What he dislikes about Jersey Joe most is something else.

Out of Walcott's training camp repeatedly has come the charge that Louis is a "dumb fighter." Jersey Joe may have been motivated more by his own forthrightness of talk than by any desire to insult Louis, but that's the tack he has taken. And Louis is hopping mad at him. Louis is a proud guy, has pride in his intellect, and doesn't like to be called dumb, even as you and I.

No secret is the fact that Louis wants to demolish Walcott quickly, even as he lit into Schmeling in the first round. Louis wants vindication. He wants to put a loud-mouth in his place. He wants to walk out of the ring still champion, and hush the folks who say he has slowed up and he wants Walcott above all others as his victim. He want Walcott as the tenth man he has knocked out the second time around. The Post, 6-24-48

BUT AS OF TODAY, before the fight, the whole picture is somewhat incredible. No man to fight Louis since he became champion 11 years ago was ever held at such short odds. The price against Walcott has drifted to 11 to 5, maybe 2 to 1 at ring time. Louis never imagined that the likes of Walcott, wh omay be even more than the 34 he claims to be, would be conceded such a high chance to lick him. Washington D.C.

When he was in the Army in 1943, Louis venteured the prediction that "the fellow who takes my title is right now some 17- or 18-year-old kid whose gonna catch me when I'm too old." But tomorrow night Louis will find himself in there against a fellow older than he is, who was fighting before Louis had on a pair of gloves, and was supposedly washed up eight years ago. Walcott hasn't won Louis' title yet, but the high possibility is there.

Joe Louis Has 24 for 24 in 11 Years; Walcott 27 Out of 38

The Post

In the 11 years of campaigning since he won the world heavyweight championship in 1937, Joe Louis has chalked up a remarkable record, far better than that of challenger Jersey Joe Walcott.

Louis has never lost a bout as champion, his solitary defeat since he turned professional in 1934 being a 12-round knockout by Max Schmeling in 1936. Walcott, on the other hand, is down for 37 bouts since 1937, 28 of them victories and the other nine setbacks.

The records: Washington,

Date			Foe	Result	
Aug.	30,	1937—	Tommy Farr	Won	15
Feb.	23,	1937—	Natie Mann	KO	3
April	1,	1938—	Harry Thomas	KO	5
June	22,	1938—	Max Schmeling	KO	1
Jan.	23,	1939—	John H. Lewis	KO	1
April	17,	1939—	Jack Roper	KO	1
June	28,	1939—	Tony Galento	KO	4
Sept.	20,	1939—	Bob Pastor	KO	11
Feb.	9,	1940—	Arturo Godoy	Won	15
March	29,	1940—	John Paychek	KO	2
June	20,	1940—	Arturo Godoy	KO	8
Dec.	16,	1940—	Al McCoy	KO	6
Jan.	31,	1941—	Red Burman	KO	5
Feb.	17,	1941—	Gus Dorazio	KO	2
March	21,	1941—	Abe Simon	KO	13
April	8,	1941—	Tony Musto	KO	9
May	23,	1941—	Buddy Baer	KO	7
June	18,	1941—	Billy Conn	KO	13
Sept.	29,	1941—	Lou Nova	KO	6
Jan.	9,	1942—	Buddy Baer	KO	1
March	27,	1942—	Abe Simon	KO	6
June	19,	1946—	Billy Conn	KO	8
Sept.	18,	1946—	Tami Mauriello	KO	1
Dec.	5,	1947—	Joe Walcott	Won	15

(The 1948 edition of Nat Fleischer's Ring Record Book lists Walcott's bouts only since late 1936, when the heavyweight contender dropped a 10-round decision to Billy Ketchell. Thus the Walcott records available almost match those of Louis since he won the championship from Jim Braddock in the eighth round of their title bout in Chicago August 30, 1937. Except for the small matter of wins and losses, that is.)

Date			Foe	Result	
May	24,	1937—	Tiger Jack Fox	KO	2
Sept.	3,	1937—	Joe Lipps	KO	2
Sept.	25,	1937—	Elmer Ray	KO	3
Oct.	9,	1937—	George Brothers	Lost	8
Jan.	10,	1938—	Freddie Fiducia	Won	8
March	28,	1938—	Art Skyes	KO	4
April	12,	1938—	Lorenzo Pack	KO	4
May	10,	1938—	Tiger Jack Fox	Lost	10
June	14,	1938—	Roy Lazer	Lost	8
Dec.	23,	1938—	Bow Tow	Won	8
Aug.	14,	1939—	Al Boros	Won	8
Nov.	18,	1939—	Curtis Sheppard	Won	8
Jan.	19,	1940—	Tiger Red Lewis	KO	6
Feb.	12,	1940—	Abe Simon	KO	6
June	27,	1941—	Columbus Grant	KO	3
June	7,	1944—	Felix Del Pauli	Won	8
June	28,	1944—	Ellis Singleton	KO	3
Jan.	11,	1945—	Jackie Saunders	KO	2
Jan.	25,	1945—	Johnnie Allen	Lost	8
Feb.	22,	1945—	Austin Johnson	Won	6
Mar.	15,	1945—	Johnnie Allen	Won	8
Aug.	2,	1945—	Joe Baksi	Won	10
Sept.	20,	1945—	Johnny Denson	KO	2
Oct.	23,	1945—	Steve Dudas	KO	5
Nov.	12,	1945—	Lee Q. Murray	KO	10
Dec.	10,	1945—	Curtis Sheppard	KO	10
Jan.	30,	1946—	Johnnie Allen	KO	3
Feb.	25,	1946—	Jimmy Bivins	Won	10
March	20,	1946—	Al Blake	KO	4
May	24,	1946—	Lee Oma	Won	10
Aug.	16	1946—	Tommy Gomez	KO	3
Aug.	28,	1946—	Joey Maxim	Lost	10
Nov.	15,	1946—	Elmer Ray	Lost	10
Jan.	6,	1947—	Joey Maxim	Won	10
March	4,	1947—	Elmer Ray	Won	10
June	23,	1947—	Joey Maxim	Won	10
Dec.	5,	1947—	Joe Louis	Lost	15

Science Goes Out on the Limb for Joe Louis, Probably by K. O.—Unless Walcott Wins

The Post Washington, D. C. June 24-48

(Editor's Note: Here Dr. J. L. Moreno, psychiatrist who has developed the technique of psychodrama, picks the probable winner in the Louis-W lcott fight using methods of scientific analysis.) 6-24-48

By J. L. Moreno, M. D.

New York, June 23.—Champion Joe Louis should keep his title by a knockout of Joe Walcott.

By scientific methods of study and prediction, that is the greatest probability in the return match of the two foes. And Louis' best probability for a knockout is in the early rounds. It could come late on.

The second probability is for a decision, with the chances about even for Louis or Walcott to win the vote.

There is only an outside chance that Walcott will score a knockout.

The postponement due to rain should not have any real effect on either fighter psychologically. If anything, a one-day delay would increase the amount of anger and irritation that each man feels toward the other. The delay would be more likely to influence the members of each man's team, making them more apprehensive. A longer delay would increase this effect and weaken them in their emotional pitch for the battle.

Louis probably will draw the greater applause when he enters the ring. He will set the pace of the fight. He is superior in punches to every two by Wal- punching ability, throwing three cott. Walcott's rate of punching will depend upon the number Louis throws, particularly at the outset.

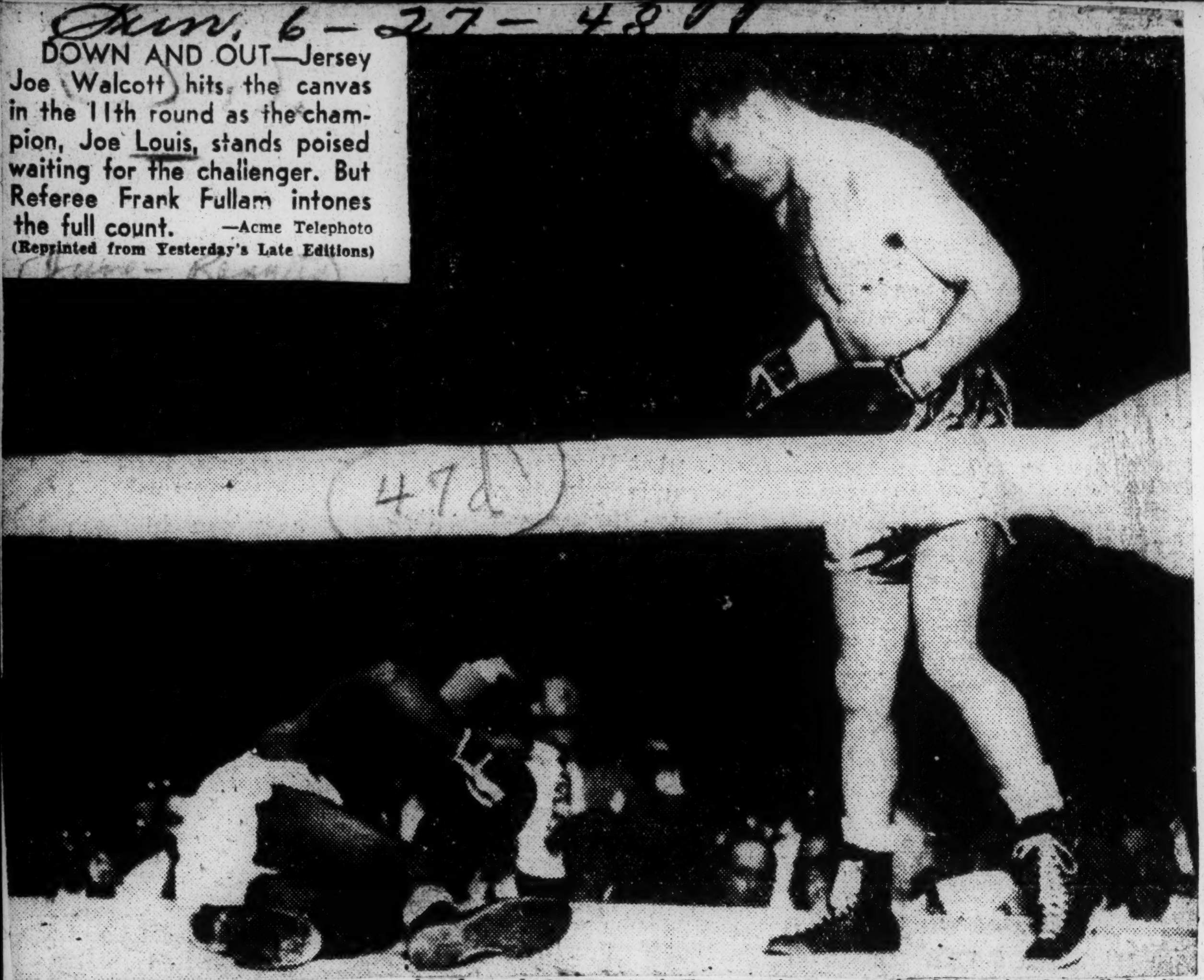
Walcott can provoke and arouse Louis by his hit-and-run punches. There would be a build-up of adverse effects on Louis. His legs would slow down more than his hands. Physical and emotional fatigue would grow, perhaps creeping from his feet up. 6-24-48

There is one interesting possibility. It is that the judges would be affected, psychologically, by Walcott's showing last time, and tend to give him some credti for it. The widespread feeling that Walcott deserved the decision then might very well affect their vote. Sat.

Were I to choose the winner just on the basis of emotions, my pick would be Walcott. I feel sympathy for him and his family, and for his long, hard struggle. I like the way he fights.

But such emotions can't rule in a scientific selection.

Sun, 6-27-48



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DOWN AND OUT—Jersey Joe Walcott hits the canvas in the 11th round as the champion, Joe Louis, stands poised waiting for the challenger. But Referee Frank Fullam intones the full count. —Acme Telephoto
(Reprinted from Yesterday's Late Editions)

ONCE-FLOORED CHAMP RALLIES TO KEEP TITLE

The Commercial Appeal
Memphis, Tenn.

Challenger Finished Suddenly After Dull Bout

Sun, 6-27-48

42,667 ATTEND FIGHT

(Reprinted from Yesterday's Late Editions)

By WALTER STEWART
Sports Editor

YANKEE STADIUM, NEW YORK, June 25.—A delegation of 42,667 mental bankrupts got pretty much what they deserved this frowsy Friday night when Joe Louis knocked Jersey Joe Walcott into a coma during 11 rounds which obviously merit a Congressional investigation.

Nothing quite so drastic has happened to the public since the top blew off Teapot Dome, for the 42,667 wretches in the stands paid $841,739 for approximately $1.98 cents of fighting.

Louis Visits Matting

A cascade of gloves which had apparently been fired from the black mouth of a Howitzer roared against Walcott's outraged head in that 11th round—dropped him hard and he was just pressing clear of the floor when Referee Frankie Fullam intoned "ten" in clear and pear-shaped tones.

Louis himself had visited the matting in the third round, but outside these barbaric events the encounter was without emotion — without anything, in fact, but a good deal of old fashioned sweat.

Throughout the fight, the gladiators were rewarded with a chorus of boos for their efforts.

It was rather like watching a sick lion pull down a toothless antelope with fallen arches. In the period of decay which went staggering along in front of the knockout, no one was punished except the disgruntled witnesses.

'Never Knew What Hit Me'

Yet when Louis went to work upon the person of the challenger, he wrought with the destructive efficiency of a threshing machine. In the postwar dressing room, Walcott was inspired to groan:

"I never knew what hit me."

And it wouldn't have done him any good if he had, for Louis had reached back into a fabulous past and, for a few passionate heartbeats, he was the jungle killer who had slaughtered Schmeling, Baer and Braddock.

So once more he has held senility at bay and kept the heavyweight crown balanced upon a brow which had grown calloused by 11 years of unremitting pressure.

But it was frankly rather awful. The first two rounds drifted past as placidly as rose petals upon the old mill stream. Walcott was apparently determined to fight it out on distant lines if it took all Summer and there were moments when it seemed that it would be necessary. He jigged about in carefree fashion—quite sure of himself and free from terror.

First Round To Jersey Joe

He had just been told to stay away and was solidly in agreement with this sage advice.

Louis, always puzzled by any fighter who does not come to him neatly mounted on rails, plodded in Jersey Joe's wake probing with a left jab which would not have removed the powder sheath from a debutante's nose. But Walcott was given the round on the logical basis that there was no one else to give it to.

In the second, Walcott remained aloof with an even colder austerity. At times he simply walked away—moved along the ropes counting the suckers and supping upon ripe razzberries which rolled down from the high caverns of the stands Both men being counterpunchers it became increasingly evident that nothing much was going to happen except by accident.

Walcott continued to bob and weave through most of the third. Then he pawed with the left and (the symbolic bolt from the blue could not have been more startling) whipped the moorings from a right hand. It blazed straight through the lights and caromed from the corner of the champion's jaw. Louis executed a burlesque pratt-fall and rolled to his feet entirely without cat-like grace.

Jersey Joe shuffled in with both hands riffling, for this was the juncture at which he could win. But another right hand buzzed off into space and he never had second chance. Opportunity had bruised its knuckles and wasn't knocking anymore. In any event, Louis seemed more chagrined than injured, for the stroke had lacked solidity.

During the strange interlude which followed, Walcott contented himself with wild feints which caused Louis to cringe and blink his narrow eyes.

But in the fifth, the champion did blow a stout right to Jersey Joe's head, an apparently indestructable object. The fighters continued to go their separate ways in the sixth and seventh, however, and it was not until the eighth that Louis began to do anything really constructive.

Walcott Misses Chances

He flicked out with a left jab and it landed in Jersey Joe's face like the crack of a bull-whip. The challenger's knees seemed to sway for an instant and Louis pumped in four more jabs before the bell put a stop to such rude doings. It was the defender's first clear margin and he began to move onward from that point. The action was a thing of utter boredom in the ninth and 10th, but it was becoming rapidly clear that Jersey Joe had allowed the keys of triumph to slip between his fingers. He had sown an early advantage and simply didn't have the tools with which to reap the crop.

The 11th had passed its second minute when Walcott drilled a superb left hook into the champion's nobbin. It was the first really worthwhile left that Walcott had landed and he pressed hard on the bit—shuffled in for more of the same. It was the last conscious thing he did for some time.

For Louis poured an inside right through the bend of the hook and plastered on Walcott's jaw with the crisp "splat" of a meat ax slammed flat against a side of beef. Jersey Joe wavered to the ropes and the issue was never again in doubt. For Louis' feet were once more whispering to the rhythm of African tom-toms. He was the old Louis for a while and that was quite enough. Sledging them in with deliberate venom, he laid a bitter two-handed concentration against the planes of Walcott's jaw.

Walcott rallied in a fierce wolf flurry and clubbed a right to the face, but it was futile as a palm fan raised against a tornado. Walcott reeled from the ropes and caught an explosive right on the jaw—a right to match and crashed upon his back—eyes taut with a blind agony. He twisted upon his face and thrust down with quivering arms. But he could not make it—cleared the floor a split tick after "ten." The 11th round had run just two minutes and 56 seconds.

At the time of the knockout, just as in the first Billy Conn fight, Louis was trailing on the score cards of two of the three officials. Fullam had the champion out front by a 5-2 margin with three even. Judge Jack O'Sullivan had Walcott ahead 5-4 with one even. Judge Harold Barnes gave the challenger a wide edge, 6-3, with one even. The Associated Press scorecard had it all even, five rounds for each.

After it was over, Louis (lips angrily puffed by Walcott's flickering sorties) maintained that he would retire—that this was his last fight. Most of the 42,667 who had paid $841,739 are probably destined to retire with him.

Louis-Walcott Bout Seen Going Limit Again With Same Result

New York Tribune

Unless Jersey Joe Shifts From Hit-and-Run Style Champion Figures to Gain Decision on His Superior Punching at Stadium Wednesday

Sun. 6-20-48

By Jesse Abramson

Opportunity rapped on the door for Jersey Joe Walcott (Arnold Raymond Cream), that night in Madison Square Garden last December, not only rapped but tore the the previously obscure Camden contender, an 8 to 1 under dog, to accept the world heavyweight championship. 6-20-48

Knuckles still bruised, Opportunity comes a-rapping for Jersey Joe again in the Yankee Stadium on Wednesday night when Joe Louis, champion for eleven years and a day on June 23, will defend the Golconda of sport for the twenty-fifth—and last—time before a tensed throng of 50,000 fans who will pay more than $800,000, perhaps closer to $1,000,000, for their return bout of fifteen rounds.

Millions of people, sport fans or not, have an opinion where the heavyweight mantle of Sullivan, Corbett, Jeffries, Fitzsimmons, Johnson, Dempsey and Tunney is at stake.

Decision Widely Disputed

Many of them, perhaps a majority of them, felt that Walcott, knocking down the champion in the first and fourth rounds with right-hand punches, raising lumps on his face and pricking his bubble of invincibility, was robbed of the title by the honest, but errant judgment of two officials—Frank Forbes and Marty Monroe—who outvoted Ruby Goldstein, the referee.

The storm of controversy that decision evoked led inevitably to the return match.

But many who saw the first fight, "saw" it first-hand, by radio or moving pictures, feel that Walcott had his great chance and turned it down, that Louis will take care of him on the rebound as he has so many others in the past.

6-20-48

Louis Favored at 5 to 13

For the impending battle of the thirty-four-year-old rivals it is reasoned by many that Walcott cannot be any more effective than he was in the first fight; that Louis cannot be as miserably impotent as he was that night. This reasoning, plus money and the second-time-around knockout tradition of a great though slipping

door from its hinges trying to get champion, have established Louis as the 5-to-13 favorite to win his last fight, a 5-to-6 favorite to win by a knockout where he missed the first time.

Jersey Joe had all the psychological advantages running for him the first fight. He was held in low esteem as a challenger by the champion. On top of this, Walcott's elusive, evasive tactics, based on a perfectly developed pattern of side-stepping, back-stepping, gliding, sudden moves, feints and rapid counters were unlike anything Louis had ever encountered.

Confident going into the fight where so many others had died in their dressing rooms, his confidence immeasureably enhanced by his two knockdowns and his ability to weather the champion's first solid right smash, Walcott made one monstrous error.

Advised To Be Careful

No, it wasn't his overanxiety, as he says, following the fourth-round knockdown. It was his own interpretation of advice from his corner that he had the title won, to be careful in the closing rounds.

Walcott's idea of being careful was to step faster than ever—away from his foe. He actually turned his back and fled in the last round. That round was all he had to win, by acting the part of champion-elect, to earn the decision he felt belonged to him

It should be no secret by now that the writer scored the first for Louis, eight rounds to seven, the winning margin being that fifteenth round in which Walcott declined to fight for the title. It was a desperately close fight, but one of the worst, tense only because a heavyweight title was at stake. Louis was baffled, puzzled, sluggish beyond belief. He claimed that drying out the last two days to 211 pounds drained him of his punch and power. Misguided pride made him dry out. He did not want to weigh 215 pounds, which would have been his top poundage in a bout. New York Tribune

Unless you want to believe that the dread puncher of the past has lost his punch forever and never will have it again, and lost his coordination with advancing years as well, you have to go along with the Louis line.

Eager to Retire Undefeated

The champion wants to retire undefeated. He knows how close he came to losing last time. His esteem for the challenger hasn't risen much, but at least he knows, from fifteen rounds of bitter experience, what he must face. He has concentrated on this fight, he is determined, and he will come in at his natural current weight about 215 or a pound less. He thinks he still has his punch, though he is not as quick with it, nor does he throw punches as often as he did. He never was noted for speed, but he hopes to show more life than last December.

How Louis and Walcott Compare for the Fight

Measurements of Joe Louis and Joe Walcott, principals in Wednesday's fight for the world championship:

Joe Louis		Walcott
34 years	Age	34 years
214 pounds	Weight	194 pounds
6 ft. 2 in.	Height	6 feet
76 inches	Reach	74 inches
42 inches	Chest (normal)	40 inches
45 inches	Chest (expanded)	43 inches
17 inches	Neck	17 inches
15 inches	Biceps	16 inches
12 inches	Forearm	13 inches
8 inches	Wrist	7¾ inches
11¾ inches	Fist	12 inches
36½ inches	Waist	35 inches
22½ inches	Thigh	21 inches
14 inches	Calf	14 inches
10 inches	Ankle	9¾ inches

We may, therefore, see an improved Louis. We may expect to see the same Walcott. He will continue the same tactics, and trust that a new set of officials will score him the winner. It isn't what Walcott will do that will determine the nature of Wednesday's fight; it is Louis, for the first time in his reign, the longest reign in heavyweight annals, who represents the "X" quantity. 6-20-48

It is the belief in this corner that the bout will go fifteen rounds again. Walcott, who will weigh about the same, 194½, is conditioned for his kind of fight. It's his best style. Caution is ingrained in him as a fighter. He has demonstrated this again and again. I believe his legs and footwork can carry him out of danger

Louis May Be Floored Again

He may, probably will, floor Louis again, but unless he has the champion helpless he will be wary of the calculated risk. If he gambles on outslugging Louis, he is asking to be knocked out.

There's nothing in Louis's training to indicate he can tear into Walcott and demolish him as he did Schmeling in their second fight. If he has regained his punch and nails Walcott with it early, there is a good possibility he will finish the challenger, but this is not the No. 1 possibility. It is more likely to go the limit again, and Louis should take the decision on more aggressive punching.

Whether it's another fight like the last one or a thriller, a typical outdoor heavyweight spectacle is assured in the Stadium. At prices of $50 ringside to $10 in the upper stand, the reserved-seat sale has passed the $700,000 mark, and it may be the ninth million-dollar show in fistic history. More likely it will fall a bit short of a million.

Forty Per Cent for Louis

Louis will get 40 per cent of the net; Walcott 20 per cent. They will cut radio and moving pictures the same way, except that Walcott gets 22½ per cent of the movies. The movies of their first fight brought in more than $650,000. Whether the fight will be televised will be decided tomorrow.

Champion and challenger, tapering off and impressing no one, held their semi-final sparring sessions yesterday at their respective Pompton Lakes and Grenloch camps in New Jersey. 6-20-48

The champion's four-round drill yesterday before another capacity crowd was judged his best yet. For the first three rounds he stalked behind a left, and was hit by a few right hands by McKinley English. But in the final round against Tiger Roy Taylor, the guy that fakes like Walcott, Louis showed just how he might corner Walcott and how he could batter him with body blows. It was the first time Louis concentrated on this phase of his attack. He was hitting sharper, faster and harder. After the workout he weighed 214¼.

GOP won't give up air for Joe Joe

Los Angeles Tribune
Sat. 6-19-48
Los Angeles Calif.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — What with it being the especially serious business it is this time, Republicans have served notice that their convention at Philadelphia will stay in high gear the night of June 23rd, despite the fact that over across the way in New York City's Yankee stadium, heavyweight champion Joe Louis will be making a memorable last defense of his title against Jersey Joe Walcott. June 19-48

June 23rd will be the third night session of the GOP convention, will more than likely be the critical time of roll-calling for nominations, and will probably end up in and unofficial title fight for the airwaves.

Beau Jack Beats Tony Janiro

Daily World
Atlanta, Ga.
Tues. 6-1-48

WASHINGTON, D. C., (NNPA)—Beau Jack beat Tony Janiro, of Youngstown, Ohio, in ten furous rounds during a downpour at Griffith Stadium last Monday night.

The slippery going handicapped both fighters, the footing being treacherous, but the crowd sat through the fight, but it is doubtful whether the outcome would have been any different ie the hard rain had not come.

Janiro fought cautiously in the first two rounds, seeking to follow up a our-round technical knockout he once scored over Beau Jack.

But Jack kpt boring in and in the third round he landed a hard left hook that stunned Janiro.

Taking advantage of the blow Jack swarmed all over his opponent never letting up, and stayed on top throughout the remainder of the fight. Daily World

In the tenth round the two boxers, mixed it savagely for about thirty seconds, but it ended when Janiro went to the canvas, partially from a slip and partially from a blow to the jaw. Atlanta, Ga.

The slippery going undoubtedly kept Jariro from moving around as fast as he can, but the going also slowed down Beau Jack, the slugger. Both fighters slipped to the canvas several times, and to even matters, Charles Reynolds, the refree, also went down in the fifth rond. Janiro finally put socks on top of his shoes in the eighth, but it didn't stop the beating Jack was giving him.

The 9,178 customers, who paid a gross gate of $27,473 to see the bout bought 50-cent "raincoats" that venders suddenly appeared out of nowhere with.

Janiro outweighted Jack, 147 pounds to 140½.

Sportswriters Hit Bomber's Attitude

Daily World

Atlanta, Ga. Tues 6-1-48

POMPTON LAKES, N. J.—(SNS)—A new Joe Louis has been unveiled as the championship fight with Jersey Joe Walcott June 23 in Yankee Stadium comes closer. This is evident in the ballyhoo and buildup for the championship fight which has cast Louis in a new character role.

Where we have had the silent and hopeful Brown Bomber of 25 past title fights, we are now treated to the spectacle of a cocky, talkative brooding and arrogant Louis who now makes derogatory statements about the fitness of his opponent.

Strange isn't it? These sour grapes, gripes, alibis and dire prophecies coming from a champion who has defended his crown 25 times and who has manifested such humility in winning that folks have acclaimed him a 20th Century legend. Is it because Jersey Joe Walcott is a Negro?? Let's examine the facts.

WALCOTT ISN'T GAME

Louis says that Walcott isn't game, and if he means Jersey Joe isn't some wild creature that can be stalked and trapped he probably is right. At least the champion did not have much luck trapping him the last time. Tues

Yet, Louis is accusing Walcott of a lack of gameness puts himself in the position of a guy with an axe in his hands chasing a turkey yelling: Come here and let me whack at your neck, you cowardly so-and-so. 6-1-48

Such an attitude is out of character for Joe. During all the years of his long reign as champion, until the Walcott fight, Louis said when he won 'another lucky night.' ..Does it mean that the old adage will hold true in his forthcoming fight: PRIDE COMES BEFORE A FALL.

POPULARITY HURT

Louis' comments haven't helped his popularity. Sportswriters have hit Louis new temperamental attitudes which have been likened to that of a prima donna.

Here are some typical comments:

Shirley Povich writes in the Washington Post: "Joe Louis who wouldn't lend himself to the prefight ballyhoo before his last bout with Joe Walcott, is now running from the mouth in a complete about-face." Daily World

Whity Martin, Associated Press Writer states: "Accusing Walcott of a lack of gameness, criticizing his running tactics and otherwise making derogatory statements isn't a boom to Louis' popularity. And if Jersey Joe was running all the time, the ring pots or the referee must have given Louis some awful whops on the head." 6-1-48

Dan Parker of the New York Mirror writes: "Does that daily postcard from Joe Louis's camp announcing the number of days left before Jersey Joe Walcott is knocked out indicate that the champ has lost some of his dignity or does it mean he's doing some graveyard whistling? In either case shouldn't he stop sending the cards??"

Louis Pr Tough t Fool Wit

PM

New York

Mon 4-19-48

By Steve Snider

United Press Correspondent

Pride is strong in the heart of Joe Louis and he leaves the impression today he'll never retire unless he takes the heavyweight title with him.

He speaks of quitting in June "win, lose or draw" with Jersey Joe Walcott but contracts for a third Louis-Walcott fight, stipulating Louis can have it if he loses on June 23, already are in the vault at the 20th Century Sporting Club.

Louis seems to think that third contract is a huge joke and just about as necessary as two left feet on a ballroom dancer.

"I'll catch him next time," he said. "I'll be in shape and I'll catch him." 4-19-48

In that event, there'll be no need for a third meeting and perhaps then Louis actually will retire.

But if he loses, it's almost a sure bet Louis will come back for more. Joe may not be an ardent admirer of Gene Tunney but one thing that does capture his imagination is the fact that Tunney quit while he was still champion.

Hurt by Boos

After Walcott Fight

It doesn't pay to fool around with Louis' pride. He was stung when Max Schmeling flattened him and the return was almost a slaughter. He was equally hurt when Walcott made him look bad last December 5 and didn't like the boos that followed his split decision.

The ceremonies at the signing for their second fight may come out all nice and pretty in the newsreels but it wasn't as simple as that.

The actual signing took place in a room full of lawyers and there were almost as many papers to sign as there were legal minds horning in. PM New York

There were contracts for the fight itself, a 15-rounder at Yankee Stadium. Separate documents covered movies. More papers for radio. More for television. N.Y.

One of the men from 20th Century whispered, "The movies mean big dough for Walcott. He got twice as much from pictures of the first fight as he did from the purse."

Joe Knows His Records Mon. 4-19-48

Walcott's demands for bigger cuts of the incidentals had held up negotiations until this week. He got a share of television and radio, which he hadn't received the first time, and his share of the movies was increased from 15 to 22½ per cent. For the fight itself, he'll get 20 per cent of the net instead of 15.

That was his reward for the split decision.

Facts on Tonight's Bout

Principals—Joe Louis, Detroit, champion, vs. Jersey Joe Walcott, Camden, N. J., challenger.

Title at stake—World Heavyweight Championship.

Place—Yankee Stadium, 161st Street and River Avenue, the Bronx. Wed 6-23-48

Distance—Fifteen rounds.

Postponement date—Tomorrow night.

Time of championship—10 P. M.

Time of first preliminary—8:30 P. M.

Gates open—6 P. M.

Betting—5 to 13, Louis favored to win.

Radio broadcast—American Broadcasting Company.

Television—NBC Network, WNBT—Channel 4.

Referee and judges—To be announced at the ringside by the State Athletic Commission.

Estimated receipts—$1,000,000.

Scale of prices—$50, $30, $20, and $10 including tax for reserved seats; $5 for general admission.

Estimated attendance—55,000.

Purse—Louis to receive 40 per cent of the net receipts; Walcott to receive 20 per cent.

Promoter—Twentieth Century S. C., Mike Jacobs, president; Sol Strauss, acting director.

Weighing—Wednesday at noon in Madison Square Garden.

Preliminaries—Curtis Sheppard, Baltimore, vs. Alfredo Lagay, Buenos Aires; Roland LaStarza, Bronx, vs. Benny Rusk, Pasadena, Tex.; McKinley English, Detroit, vs. Austin Johnson, Atlantic City (three six-round bouts), Wade Chancey, Jacksonville, Fla., vs. Richard Hagan, Chicago; Danny Bucceroni, Philadelphia, vs. Tony Jess, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Phil Berman, Paterson, N. J., vs. Eddie Neuguth, Brooklyn; Don Mogard, Toronto, vs. James P. Connolly, Providence, R. I. (four four-round bouts).

Champ Louis In Strange Role For Title Bout

News

Birmingham, Ala.

Tue-6-15-48

BY JACK HAND

NEW YORK, June 15—(AP)—Joe Louis looks strange in his new role of "big if" for the return heavyweight title bout with Jersey Joe Walcott June 23.

Always before the champ has been the solid, known quantity. The challenger has been the question mark. Things have changed since last December.

Because of Walcott's smart battle in Madison Square Garden, few question his courage. It is generally accepted that Jersey Joe will not "freeze" in the ring. It is agreed that he can take it and that he can punch.

About Louis and his knockout power, they're not so positive any more.

Has he lost his punch? Has he slowed down? Can he get into tip-top shape? Have his hands lost their speed? Can he solve Walcott's provoking style?

Those are the questions they're asking about the Brown Bomber who puts his crown on the line for the 25th time a week from tomorrow in the Yankee Stadium ring. They may sound silly the morning of June 24 but right now they're pertinent. 6-15-48

All previous return bouts have ended in disaster for Louis' opponent. Willie Davis, Lee Ramage, Natie Brown, Max Schmeling, Bob Pastor, Arturo Godoy, Abe Simon, Buddy Baer and Billy Conn all were knocked out the second time around.

Now it's Walcott's turn to test the jinx and, strangely enough, they're putting the burden of proof on the champ.

It's a "big if" whether Louis ever again will be the super slugger who avenged his only knockout loss by annihilating Max Schmeling in 1938.

In fact, despite the 3 to 1 odds favoring Louis, there's a "big if" between the champ and another win over Walcott.

Louis Retires After Kayo Of Walcott In Round 11

The News Birmingham Ala.

Sat. 6-26-48

BY TED SMITS

NEW YORK, June 26—(AP)—Joe Louis' proud reign as heavyweight boxing champion of the world is ended—by the only man who could end it, Joe Louis himself.

Flashing for 15 seconds all the savagery that brought him 52 knockouts in 61 fights, Louis stretched out Jersey Joe Walcott on the hot canvass of Yankee Stadium in the eleventh round last night.

Sol Strauss, acting head of the Twentieth Century Sporting Club, said he would put on a series of fights to determine the successor.

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AGAINST LOUIS, Walcott sidestepped and danced through 10 rounds just as successfully as he did last December when Louis managed to win a disputed, split 15-round decision.

Then Jersey Joe made the mistake in the eleventh of trying to mix it at the ropes. He had been told not to do it. The champion's crunching blows flashed as of old, right and left, against Walcott's head and body.

Walcott went down flat, struggled up to his knees, almost rose at nine, fell again, and was up soon after the count of 10. But it was over, with only four seconds more to go in the round. There was a great surge to the ringside, and an exultant roar from the crowd.

"For my mother—this is for her—tonight was my last fight," said Louis. Later he said he would enter politics.

Louis went out at 34 years of age as one of the greatest of champions. He had held the title longer than anyone else—11 years and three days. He defended it more often—25 times. He earned more money in the ring—$3.365.000. That does not even count movie, radio, and television rights.

Sat.

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THERE WERE BOOS for the slow, cautious way things went. Referee Frank Fullam kept urging Walcott to get in and fight, and afterwards Jersey Joe said "His hounding bothered me. It caused me to change my plans."

Actually Walcott kept his left flicking so steadily at Louis' head that it raised a welt under the champion's left eye. In the third round Walcott even floored Louis for a count of one. If this had been a 10-round fight, instead of the scheduled 15, and the decision had gone strictly by the official cards, Walcott would have won the championship. 6-26-48

For at the end of 10 rounds, Fullam scored five for Louis, two for Walcott and three even. Judge Jack O'Sullivan scored five for Walcott, four for Louis, and one even. Judge Harold Barnes gave six to Walcott, three to Louis, with one even. That would have been a two-to-one vote in favor of Walcott. The Associated Press card had each winning five rounds.

FIGHT FACTS Sat.

Attendance	42,667
Gross Gate	$841,739
xNet Gate	$673,391
Received for Radio and Television Rights	$100,000
Louis' Share Radio-Television	$ 40,000
Walcott's Share Radio-Television	$ 20,000
zReceipts From Movies	$300,000
xLouis' Share of Movies	$120,000
xWalcott's Share of Movies	$ 67,500
xTotal Louis Purse	$412,522
xTotal Walcott Purse	$213,761

xApproximate.
zConservative estimate.

6-26-48

TOM MEANY

Star
New York, N.Y.

Delay of Fight Poses Problems

Thurs. 6-24-48

There is more to the postponement of a major sports event than meet the public eye. A vast machinery which has been in motion for days and weeks must halt, poised as it is at the brink of the completion of its mission. At a conservative estimate, 30 per cent of the spectators at a top sports event are out-of-town visitors. This means rearranging transportation, rail and air, hotel reservations, business plans, etc.

Radio and television commitments complicate the situation. Fill-in programs must be hastily arranged, canceled programs must be called back. Persons who have made dinner dates to attend the fight together, or to view the televised fight together, must rearrange their appointments. Star

These, of course, are the complications put upon those who are in the role of customers. The promotional forces, such as the 20th Century Sporting Club, Yankee Stadium, the American Broadcasting Co. and the National Broadcasting Co. already had alternate plans for just such an eventuality. They can pick up the pieces almost without breaking stride.

It is rare that a postpon— causes more than a temporary inconvenience to the promoters. One such glaring exception was during the 1936 World Series, between the Yankees and the Giants. Well in advance of the series, it had been announced that President Franklin D. Roosevelt would attend the third game, scheduled for Oct. 2 at Yankee Stadium. The series got off as scheduled at the Polo Grounds Sept. 30, but a heavy morning rain made it impossible to play the second game. Star

When there is a World Series postponement, the entire series is pushed ahead. Thus Oct. 3, when the Preisdent was supposed to see the third game at Yankee Stadium, was now that date of the second game at the Polo Grounds. What of the Presidential party, which numbered 60-odd? All box seat tickets for game No. 2 had been sold. New York, N.Y.

Secretary Eddie Brannick, no political novice himself, undertook to crack the problem, which was to weed out 60 or more fans who held tickets for that day at the Polo Grounds and persuade them they would be better off attending the next day at Yankee Stadium. And these seats all had to be in front boxes on the first base side. In those days, it wasn't such a job to scare up any number of willing Democrats in Manhattan and the Bronx, and Brannick was able to swing the deal. FDR and his party were seated to the satisfaction of his Secret Service retinue,, saw the game and continued blithely on with the campaign, running against a man named Landon.

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This is the first time since the Louis-Farr fight in 1937 that a fight for the heavyweight championship has been postponed. In years there have been only two other postponements of important outdoro fights in this area, the Zale-Graziano fight two weeks ago in Newark, and the first Louis-Schmeling fight in 1936, before the Bomber was champion. That was scheduled for June 18 at the Stadium, rained out and held the next night. Star

Since that was the only other important postponement in which Louis figured, it might be well to recall the temper of the press as regarded Joe a dozen Summers ago. Richards Vidmer, then doing the sports column for the *Herald Tribune,* likened the postponement to a gubernatorial pardon, granting a stay of execution to Schmeling. Willard Mullin, gifted cartoonist of the *World Telegram,* depicted Schmeling sitting alone in the ring. In the opposite corner, a huge cloud blew gales. The inference was that stormy weather saved Schmeling from even stormier weather.

New York, N.Y.

Nobody will look upon last night's postponement as a stay of execution for Jersey Joe Walcott. In fact, nobod ywill be very surprised if Jersey Joe winds up as heavyweight champion of the world. Louis is still the favorite, but the margin is small, 1 to 2 among friendly bettors. Thurs.

The persons least eftected by last night's postponement are the principals. Neither is any longer at the age where he can train to such razor-sharpness that 24 hours makes a difference in his condition. It insures Louis of being the champion for at least one day longer. And this is the first time in all the 11 years of Joe's crown-wearing that rain made any difference to him at all. 6-24-

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Polite Louis Finally Halts Walcott Minuet

BY JOHN LARDNER
North American Newspaper Alliance

NEW YORK, June 26—For 10½ rounds the one thing clear about the second Joe Louis-Joe Walcott fight was that it hadn't been postponed enough. It was worse than the first one—which means it was awful.

Then came what may have been the last of the great Louis rallies. Joe, who till then hadn't seemed to want to keep the title any more than Walcott wanted to win it, was angry. What's more, he did something about it. A right hand punch on Walcott's temple hurt the family man from New Jersey for the first time in the long, stately relationship of these two men.

Louis moved in for the kill. Against the ropes, he hit Walcott on the head with both hands. Walcott tried to fight back for a few seconds, but the right on the temple had paralyzed him, and a final right on the side of the jaw was his finish. Walcott went down on his back—his legs threshed, his skull wabbled on the canvas. The News

It was the first time Louis had knocked him down in two fights and it was a competent knockdown of the old-fashioned Louis variety, from which there is no sense in getting up. Walcott caught the sound of the count of "six" from Referee Frank Fullam and got to his knees. Birmingham, Ala.

He listened to "seven" and "eight" and at "nine" was eccentric enough to try to rise. At "10," however, his hands and knees were still on the floor. He looked like a sailfish that has just been pulled into the boat. He twitched, quivered, and lunged, but couldn't stand on end.

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BEFORE THE FINAL LOUIS ASSAULT, the bout was a minuet more polite and painful than the first dance between the two boys. Louis was not hostile for more than three seconds at a time until the last outburst. Sat. 6-26-48

I suggested before that this would be a good fight for Louis to retire on. He promises to do so. It might be that he would never again muster from his creaking body the ability to take charge of a good opponent in a crisis and prove that he is the head man

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In the WAKE of the NEWS

Daily Tribune

BY ARCH WARD
(Chicago Tribune Press Service)

New York, June 24—There was no indication early this evening that the postponement of the Louis-Walcott match had affected the morale of the contestants or the enthusiasm of the fans......Both men retained the confidence they exuded at yesterday's weighing-in ceremony at Madison Square Garden......Thus lines that formed in front of the cheaper seat box offices promised to boost attendance to the 50,000 that Promoter Mike Jacobs had predicted......Louis remained the betting favorite at 12 to 5.....This fact alone shows the esteem in which he is held by the public......His opponent not only knocked him down twice in their last meeting but gave him a sound physical beating...... The champ's followers, however, regard that as an accident, and still look upon him as a superman......They rate him the greatest of the great, superior to John L. Sullivan, Gentleman Jim Corbett, Jack Dempsey or Gene Tunney......Nobody can evaluate accurately a fighter

Chicago, Ill

Billy Conn

Max Baer

Dan Topping

Arturo Godoy

of one generation with a fighter of a previous era, but one thing is certain......No other heavyweight titleholder in history dominated his field as has the old Golden Gloves champion these last 11 years...... Tonight was his 25th defense of the crown......In the half century since Sullivan was dethroned, the title has been defended only 35 times until the Negro with the pin cushion lips sprang out of Chicago's amateur ranks to take on the best of the pros......Some will say that Schmeling, Baer, Conn, Godoy, and the others who have crumbled under Louis' dynamic fists were stumblebums, but isn't it true in any sport when you have an outstanding champion the rest of the field usually looks mediocre? 6-25-48

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Both fighters spent last night in midtown Manhattan hotels......In the lobby of Walcott's quarters, across the street from the Garden, was a 6-foot red, white, and blue bouquet of carnations bearing a bright streamer reading "Good luck, Jersey Joe"......It was from a floral shop in Camden, N.J., Walcott's home town......The challenger was surrounded by crowds whenever he stepped onto 8th av......As he left for Yankee Stadium this evening an old man hawking newspapers shouted, "Finish him quick as possible, Jersey Joe. Don't give him no chance"......Shortly before leaving his hotel, he talked by phone with his wife and six children, a nightly custom when he is in training......He arrived at the stadium in snappy attire that included a new yellow sport jacket and a blue felt hat......

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Dan Topping, co-owner of the New York Yankee baseball and football clubs, was host to a group of friends in the stadium club before the bout......He is optimistic over chances of breaking the attendance record of the Cleveland Browns at Yankee football games this fall..... The Browns last year averaged in excess of 57,000 for their seven home games.....The Yankees' 1948 home schedule includes three charity games, one of which will be sponsored by an inter-faith group......The organization already has sold 25,000 tickets.....Oscar Soderlund, Stockholm sports writer who accompanied the European Golden Gloves squad to Chicago in 1938, covered tonight's match...... His next assignment is the Olympic games in London......Louis reduced his weight 22 pounds since he reached a blubbery 235 after his tour of London and Paris bistros......Walcott entered the ring with the chance to become the first native of New Jersey to gain the heavyweight title......Jim Braddock, who is regarded by many as a Jerseyite, was born on New York City's west 48th st...... 6-25-48

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Daily Tribune Chicago, Ill

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY—New York beat the Cubs, 5 to 3, on Mel Ott's homer in the eighth inning......Detroit defeated the New York Yankees, 12 to 8, as Hank Greenberg hit two home runs for the Tigers.

Louis' 'Take' $306,000

Examiner

NEW YORK, June 26.—(INS)—Unofficial payoff figures on last night's big fight today added sugar to Joe Louis' already sweet cup of retirement.

The 20th Century Sporting Club announced that the champ's "take" in disposing of Joe Walcott in the 11th round comes to approximately $306,000.

Los Angeles

Jersey Joe will receive a challenger's cut of about $153,000.

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The gross fell somewhat short of expectations after two postponements discouraged fans, and amounted to $841,739.

Scramble for Joe's Title

NEW YORK, June 26.—(AP)—Every breathing heavyweight with two arms and two legs headed toward Jacobs beach today as the mad scramble started for the title vacated by Joe Louis.

Gus Lesnevich, the 33-year-old reigning light-heavyweight king who is now en route to London for a July 26 bout with Freddie Mills, appeared to be the key man in an involved situation.

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Durable Gus, who suddenly turned into a knockout puncher after his return from war service, is the man they all want to fight. He figures to be the best box office draw for a September outing in the Yankee Stadium.

Under the terms of the 20th Century Sporting Club's ball park contract with the Yankees and Giants they must put on at least two shows a summer.

Lesnevich is almost certain to be the party of the first part. Either Ezzard Charles, the Cincinnati light-heavyweight contender, or Jersey Joe Walcott, the beaten 34-year-old challenger in last night's fight, will be the other.

As of now, Charles seems to have the inside edge, providing his manager, Jake Mintz, and the promoters can convince Joe Vella, Lesnevich's manager. Vella is on the high seas with Lesnevich.

The Charles camp has bombarded boxing commissions from Coast to Coast with challenges to Lesnevich for the 175-pound title. Now that is all forgotten, and as Mintz says "We want the heavyweight crown."

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There is considerable doubt along the beach about the public reaction to another Walcott appearance. The crowd booed Jersey Joe throughout the early rounds of last night's slow bout.

Felix Bocchicchio, Walcott' sponsor, still insists he has "the greatest fighter around today."

Felix has company. There are so many managers claiming they have the best fighter in the nation tha you would think the country was overrun by promising young fighters. Actually, there isn't a sure shot in the bunch. Charles, at least, is one of the youngest at25.

Sol Strauss, acting promoter of the 20th Century, said he rated Lesnevich, Charles and Walcott as the leading contenders.

"After them you could put fellows like Joe Baksi, Lee Salvold and Bruce Woodcock," said Strauss. "But what we really want to do is to uncover some young talent. That fellow Richard Hagan (a Louis sparmate) looked pretty good last night."

Louis insisted he meant it last night when he said he was retiring. Marshall Miles, his manager, said "We probably will notify the commission of our retirement."

Joe Louis Says He Will Enter Politics

Constitution

Atlanta, Ga.

BY WHITNEY MARTIN

YANKEE STADIUM, NEW YORK, June 25—(AP)—Weary, and with his left eye slightly puffed, Joe Louis pushed his way through a milling crowd to his dressing-room for the last time tonight.

Successful by a knockout over Jersey Joe Walcott in the 11th round of their heavyweight championship fight, the retiring champion—according to his own statement—said he was satisfied with his fight, and also intimated he still thought very little of Jersey Joe as a fighter.

"Five years ago I would have come out in the first round and got it over with in a hurry," Louis said, then added sadly, "but I'm not the fighter I was five years ago.

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"I was determined to fight Walcott's fight and not be tricked into any moves by his hokey-pokey stuff. I would have been satisfied with a decision if I hadn't caught him, as I thought I could outpoint him. I thought I lost only two rounds—the second and the sixth."

The champion's trainer, Manny Seamon, wasn't so sure, however.

"I told Joe at the end of the 10th round that it was an even fight and he'd better get in there or he'd blow his title, as anything could happen. Joe said at the end of nearly every round that he'd catch him, and Joe said about the 10th round he was beginning to catch on, that he was getting Walcott with his jab."

Louis perspiring profusely as the mob of reporters and photographers hemmed him in, managed to blurt that he planned to enter politics.

"Going to make any speeches, Joe," some one asked above the hub-bub.

"Sure, you can't be in politics without making speeches," he answered, logically. Pressed as to what party he could side with, he sidestepped as neatly as Walcott did for 10 rounds. "I'll announce that next week," he said coyly.

Louis denied he was hurt at any time during the fight, even when he was knocked down in the third round.

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The reporters gradually straggled out as the champion headed for the showers. Through the minds of more than one flashed the thought they were seeing the last of a great champion who had brought them 11 years of thrills before deciding enough was enough.

CHAMP IN FAMILIAR POSE

Chicago Tribune

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Announcer Harry Balogh (left) raises hand of Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis after knockout victory over Challenger Jersey Joe Walcott in Yankee stadium Friday night. Trainer Manny Seamon (center) supports Joe. It's 25th time Louis has posed for same type of picture. (Associated Press Wirephotos)

Champion Knocks Out Joe Walcott

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By JACK CUDDY.

United Press Sports Writer.

New York, June 25—Joe Louis ended one of the most glorious careers in boxing history tonight when he knocked out "Jersey Joe" Walcott in the 11th round to retain his world's heavyweight championship and then announced his retirement from the ring. Courier-Jour

A round-by-round description of the fight and another picture are on the Sports Page.

"That was it. That was my last fight," Louis said, a big smile on his face as he walked from the ring, after the 25th successful defense of his title. Louisville K.

"I'm a tired man," he said.

He looked it, too, for it took all the cunning and power which he had left to put away the challenger from Camden, N. J., 2 minutes and 56 seconds of the 11th round.

Up to that point, it was an even fight, although a dull and listless one. Walcott had Louis on the floor once, for a count of one in the third round. But until Louis' flurry of rights and lefts ended the bout there was very little fighting. 6-26-48

Louis became the second heavyweight champion in history to retire undefeated. Only Gene Tunney before him had done the same.

Louis Crown From Braddock.

Louis had announced repeatedly before the fight that this bout would be his last. But had he lost tonight there was a chance of his changing his mind,

His victory made the retirement definite and brought to an end the reign of one of the greatest champions in ring history. He won the title 11 years and three days ago from Jim Braddock in Chicago, and from that time on took on all comers.

Twenty-five time he put his title at stake and each time he retained it, although he came close to losing it several times, including his first bout with Walcott last December at Madison Square Garden. He won that on a split decision, but he made it definite tonight that he was a better man than Walcott. That was the one thing Louis wanted to prove before he hung up his gloves for good. 6-26-48

42,667 Attend Battle.

The crowd of 42,667 gave Louis a tremendous ovation as he left the ring. Few knew then, however, that he definitely had decided to retire.

The crowd paid $841,739 to see Louis' farewell to the fight game.

The end came with unexpected swiftness.

Just before Louis sent Walcott to the canvas in the 11th round for his lone knockdown, it appeared that the challenger had Louis in trouble from a hard right to the head.

But in the punching exchange that followed Louis landed a left hook that hurt Walcott and drove him into the ropes. Then they exchanged blows and Louis dropped Jersey Joe with a left hook to the chin followed by a right that landed as Walcott was falling. Sat. 6-26-48

Louis Down for a Second.

Walcott sprawled sideways on the canvas. He lay stretched out on his stomach for 3 seconds, then rose to his hands and knees. He crawled along the canvas in an attempt to regain his feet. At the count of 10 he had one knee off the canvas but couldn't complete the rise.

This knockout victory avenged Walcott's surprisingly strong showing against the champion in their first bout last December 5 at Madison Square Garden, where Louis was floored twice and forced to be content with a split decision.

Louis was on the deck again tonight. In the third round Walcott landed a hard, looping right to the chin that dropped the champion for a count of one. Louis dropped to his hands and knees, but was up almost immediately. 6-26-48

Louis Refuses to Stalk.

Louis did not appear hurt by the knockdown, because he began pressing the challenger at once.

The knockout and the knockdown were the only high lights of a fight so dull and uninteresting the fans clamored for action in nearly every round, and Referee Frank Fullam constantly urged Louis and Walcott to fight.

In the early going, Louis refused to stalk after his opponent with the same persistence that featured his victories of former years. Now and then the champion would stand motionless in midring and sneer at his backpedaling, side-stepping opponent as if daring him to make a fight of it. Courier-Journal

Champ's Eye Nearly Shut.

The United Press score sheet had scored four rounds for each and two even.

Neither champion nor challenger did much in the opening round.

Louisville Ky.

The bull-shouldered, stocky Negro challenger had a slight edge over his taller opponent because of a few flicking left jabs that found the target of the champ's left eye. Before the round was finished Louis's left eye was swollen nearly shut.

Each was equally ineffective in the second session, when not a single genuine blow was struck.

Walcott's knockdown of Louis sparked the third round. Louis came back in the fourth and drove Jersey Joe twice into the ropes, but didn't hurt him much in the exchanges at close quarters. The champ did manage to land a few hooks to body and head.

Louis continued to force mildly in the fifth round, but he was dazed by one hard right to the head. He stood in midring and sneered at Walcott, who kept backing and side-stepping away. Then Louis began pressing. Louis had a slight advantage by reason of his forcing and landing a few left jabs.

Walcott took the sixth session with a hard right to the chin near the bell. They were equally ineffective in the seventh. The champ's left jabs to the face gave him an edge in the eighth. It was in this session that Louis' left jabs began to jolt out as in the old days. And they were shocking the challenger solidly when they landed. 6-26-48

At the end of the eighth round Referee Fullam, a boxing instructor at the New York Athletic Club, was asked by Louis' trainer, Mannie Seamon, to make Walcott refrain from flicking with his open-handed left glove.

Louis' Punches Are Sharp.

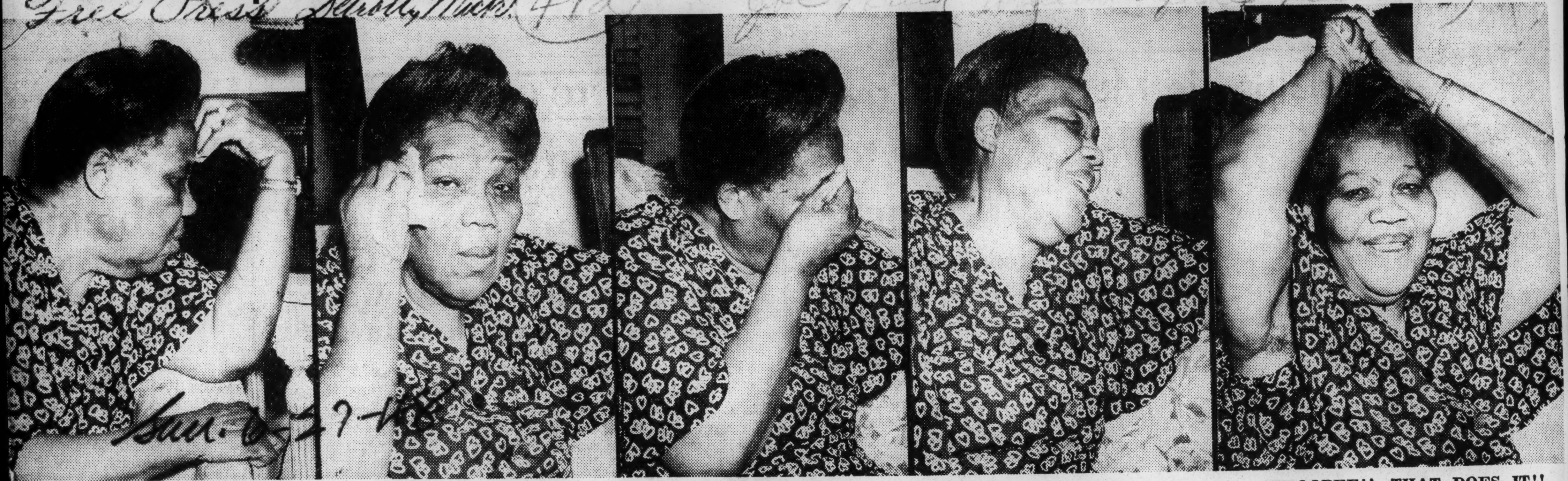
Louis' left jabs to head and left hooks to body won the ninth round. Walcott outfumbled him in the 10th. The pace stepped up in the 11th.

Louis, at 213½ pounds, appeared much sharper than in their December bout. His punches in the later rounds had more explosiveness than last winter when he claimed he had weakened himself by refraining from liquids for 48 hours before the fight.

Walcott, at 194¾, apparently was in the same condition as in December when his elusive style and his unexpectedly hard punches surprised the champion, who had regarded Walcott too lightly.

Facial Expressions of Joe's Mother Tell Tale of Fight's Progress

Free Press Detroit, Mich.



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THERE GOES THE BELL — LOOKS BAD FOR JOE — OH, JOE'S DOWN — NOW MY BOY'S GOING — WHOOPEE!! THAT DOES IT!!

Free Press Photographer Doug Kennedy visited Mrs. Lillie Brooks Barrow at her home at 2110 McDougall and snapped these shots during the fight broadcast

Louis Gives His Mother Fight Thrill

Free Press

Detroit, Mich

Last One 'for Me,' She Tells Friends

Sat. 6-26-48

BY JOHN GRIFFITH
Free Press Staff Writer

"He do that for me."

That was all Mrs. Lillie Brooks Barrow could say after her son told the Nation, "tonight was my last fight."

When the relieved mother of Joe Louis heard the announcer boom "and still heavyweight champion" she turned a tear-stained face upward and sighed, "Oh, I'm so glad."

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TURNING TO the jubilant group of intimate friends who listened to the fight with her, Mrs. Barrow said, "Hush, I want to hear what Joe say."

And then, with a slow smile, she turned and declared, "I heard him say, 'hello mother.'"

Mrs. Barrow had been confident that Joe would come through in his final defense of the title.

"I spoke to him last Sunday night on the phone and he said his condition was fine and that he would beat Walcott."

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DURING THE fight, the 57-year-old woman sat in her home at 2100 McDougall listening intently to her little table-model radio.

Next to her was her son, Lonnie,

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She shifted nervously in her seat and leaned forward toward the radio as Joe's entrance into the ring was announced.

When Walcott landed hard punches, Mrs. Barrow's head sank into her hands and she wiped her eyes.

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A FRIEND offered her a glass of water. She refused, saying nervously, "I want to listen to the fight."

Her face was impassive in much the same manner as her son's.

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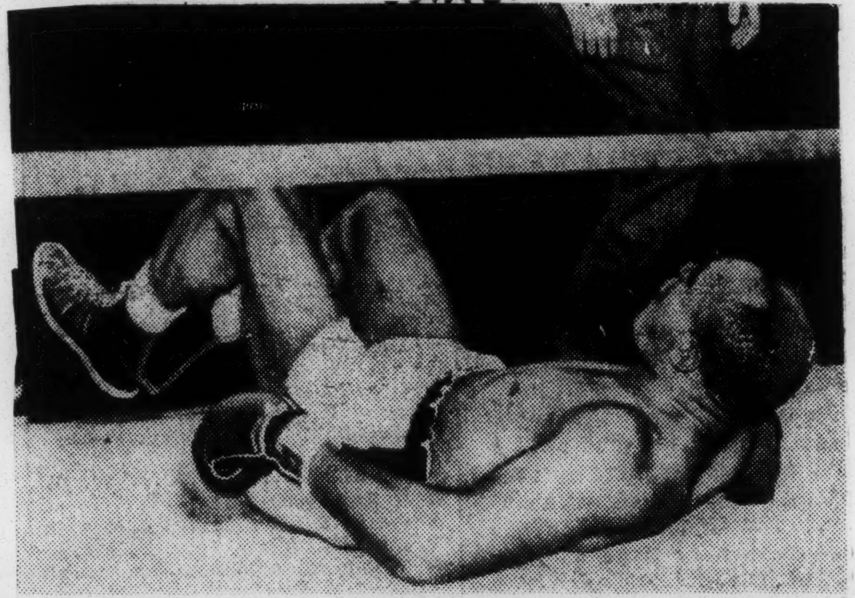
At the end she burst into a broad smile and said, "I'm glad it's all over—forever."



And this is a familiar pose for Joe Louis' opponents....Joe Walcott, his head numbed by vicious blows, victim of a knockout after 2 minutes and 56 seconds of 11th round.

Says He Tried to Slug, Was KO'd

The Courier

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Results

By JACK SAUNDERS

Pittsburgh, Pa.

NEW YORK (WALCOTT'S DRESSING ROOM) — World's Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis probably doesn't know it, but the man who paid him the highest tribute after his sensational victory in the Yankee Stadium ring last Friday night was "Jersey Joe" Walcott. "Jersey Joe," who came from practically nowhere to fight Louis twice for boxing's most fabulous, lucrative prize, made the one great mistake a boxer can make when pitted against Joe Louis—and because he did, was knocked out in the eleventh round of a battle which saw Louis firing punches like the Louis of the Baer, Schmeling, Sharkey, Carnera, Levinsky, Simon, Conn era.

"I made the mistake of trying to swap punches with the greatest champion that ever lived," said the defeated challenger through puffed lips. "No fighter can do that with Joe. When he tries it, he gets knocked kicking. That's what happened to me. I tried it, and got knocked kicking."

LOUIS GREAT FIGHTER

"What do you think of Louis as a fighter?" I asked Walcott.

"He's a great fighter!" he answered without batting an aye. "There's only one way to beat Louis; that's to outsmart him. I outsmarted him in our fight last December, and I won. But tonight, I outsmarted myself—and blew the chance of winning the title.

"I don't care what anybody says, Jack, or what anybody write," Walcott continued, "but I think Joe Louis is a great guy and a fine champion. All that stuff about me hating him, is just that—stuff. I never hated Louis. All I wanted to do was beat him, and win the title. I thought I was going to beat him, too, but, as I told you before, I outsmarted myself."

"What punch did he knock you out with?" was my next question to the gent from Camden, N. J.

SENSES KNOCKED OUT

"Don't ask me," Walcott said with a downcast smile, "because I don't know. All I know is that I was hit, and when my head cleared up a little I knew I was on the floor. I didn't hear the count, whatever it was, knocked all the senses out of me for about ten seconds."

Asked how he happened to floor Louis in the third, Walcott answered, "I feinted him with a left, then quickly crossed with a right. I thought I had him, and moved in to try to finish him. But Louis was smart out there, and I never got another chance to land another solid blow in that round.

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"If you remember," he continued, "I tried pressing him in the fourth, but he wasn't going for nothing. So when I saw that he was still very much in the fight, I fought my fight."

NO ALIBIS

Declaring that he was offering no alibis for being kayoed, Walcott did have one beef. It was against Referee Frank Fullam. "He just kept badgering me," said "Jersey Joe." "From the first round to the tenth, he just kept after me, saying, 'Do this Walcott; do that.' At first, it didn't bother me, but after a while it began to get under my skin. Once I got pretty sore, but realized that if I expected to win the title from Louis, I'd have to keep my head."

Shifting the talk back to the eleventh round voluntarily, Walcott said that he went in and swapped punches with the champion because he thought he had hurt him with a right to the jaw. "I put plenty into that punch," he said, "and when I saw Joe's knees buckle, I thought that was my chance. The last thing I remembered after that was being driven into the ropes by a left to the body. The next thing I knew, I was stumbling back into the ropes after staggering to my feet."

Walcott didn't think the two postponements had anything to do with his defeat. "They didn't bother me at all," he said.

Questioned about his future plans, "Jersey Joe" said, "You'll have to ask Felix." He was referring to Felix Bocchicchio, his chief advisor, who picked Walcott up out of a house with no heat and piloted him to the top of the list of challengers for the crown worn by Joe Louis.

Dan Florio, Walcott's trainer, attributed "Jersey Joe's" defeat to the same thing which Walcott said beat him—swapping punches with one of the greatest punchers that ever lived.

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"I never thought Louis could knock my Joe out," was all Bocchicchio had to say.

ICE CREAM FOR NEWSMEN

Expecting their man to emerge as the new heavyweight champion, Walcott's handlers had gallons of ice cream for newsmen in "Jersey Joe's" dressing room. It was very hot and sticky, and the cream vanished like ice in an oven. One quart was put aside for Walcott, though, and after answering the thousands of questions fired at him by newspapermen, he dove into his quart and had a grand time.

He was eating away when Sol Strauss, Mike Jacobs' righthand man, walked in, threw his arms around Walcott and said, "You put up a good fight out there, son. I'm not forgetting it, either. And here's something else: you are going to play a big part in the future plans of the Twentieth Century Sporting Club."

"Thank you, Mr. Strauss," Walcott said, smiling. I nudged Walcott, and whispered if he had any idea what Strauss was talking about. He said no, so I assumed that Strauss had Walcott in mind for an elimination tournament should Louis retire as undefeated champion.

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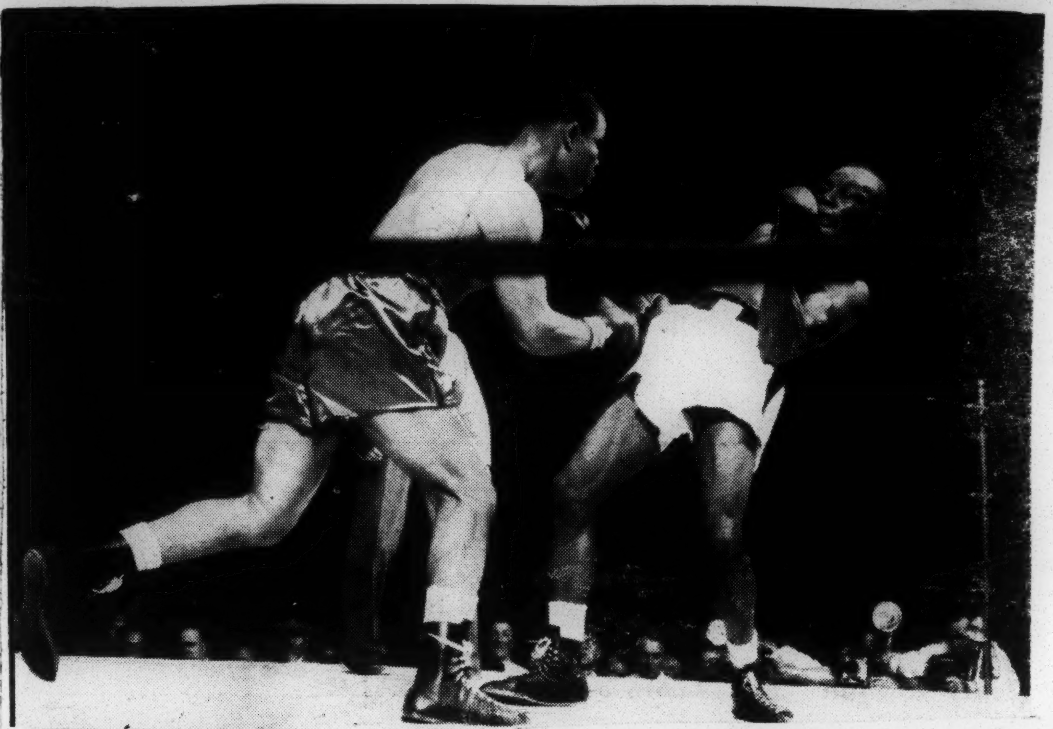

Joe's Last Fight

Time

The boos began in the second round. They stopped momentarily in the third, when jiggling Jersey Joe Walcott threw a punch that knocked Champion Joe Louis to his knees. Then the boys lapsed back into their waltz. The referee barked at them to pep it up. The big fight—the famed Brown Bomber's last—was smelling up Yankee Stadium. Mon.

Louis, trudging lethargically forward, looked slow and dull. Without trying to be funny, Jersey Joe (real name: Arnold Cream) supplied the comedy. He wiped his nose with one hand, while pulling up his pants with the other. He did little dance steps on India-rubber legs. Entire minutes went by in which neither fighter touched the other. The only thing that saved it from being the worst heavyweight championship fight in history was the eleventh round. Chicago, Ill.

In the eleventh, the champ popped Jersey Joe, and was hit back. Then Walcott, trying to retreat, backed into the ropes. For a second or two nothing happened; the champ's slow reflexes were manufacturing a punch. "I don't shoot so fast as I used to," he admitted later. When the punch finally came, it was a killer. Louis hit Walcott with a rain of lefts & rights and Jersey Joe pitched forward on his face. A great roar shook the stadium. A man of brave instincts, Walcott tried to climb back on to his feet. Afterward, still stunned, Jersey Joe admitted he didn't know what hit him. But he insisted he hadn't been hurt, "just hurt inside."

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A Word to Mother. A radio announcer thrust a mike at victorious Joe Louis. "For my mother. This is for her," Joe said into it. "Tonight was my last fight."

Time

Joe Louis had been world heavyweight champion so long (eleven years and three days) that many people had forgotten the last one.* Idol of the Negro race, and so popular with the whites that the old cry for a "white hope" never came up, Joe Louis, the slow-thinking Alabama boy, was a champion the whole U.S. was proud of. No taint of suspicion ever hung over any of his 61 pro fights (although he was managed for years by racket men). The gate receipts grossed a whopping $11,000,000, of which his share was $3,150,000.

He was always scrupulously correct when white folks were around. But when with his own people, he liked to whoop it up. Wherever he went, he was followed by cronies—who admired him and spent up what money there was in his wallet if it was lying around handy. Joe didn't mind. He never quibbled about a few hundred dollars; he never ducked an opponent. He has defended his title 25 times (more than any champion before him) and scored 22 knockouts. Chicago, Ill.

Balcony Rescue. When Joe Louis pulled up in front of Harlem's Theresa Hotel after the fight, 10,000 hysterical admirers crowded around his car. They kept him prisoner at the curb for half an hour. Then they tore off the car hood, broke the windows, ripped off the tires, danced on the car roof. It took a balcony speech from Joe to disperse them. Joe didn't mind the damage much; he had earned an estimated $413,000 that night. Mon, 7-5-48

Next day, he drove out to Long Island for the only exercise he says he wants from now on—a game of golf.

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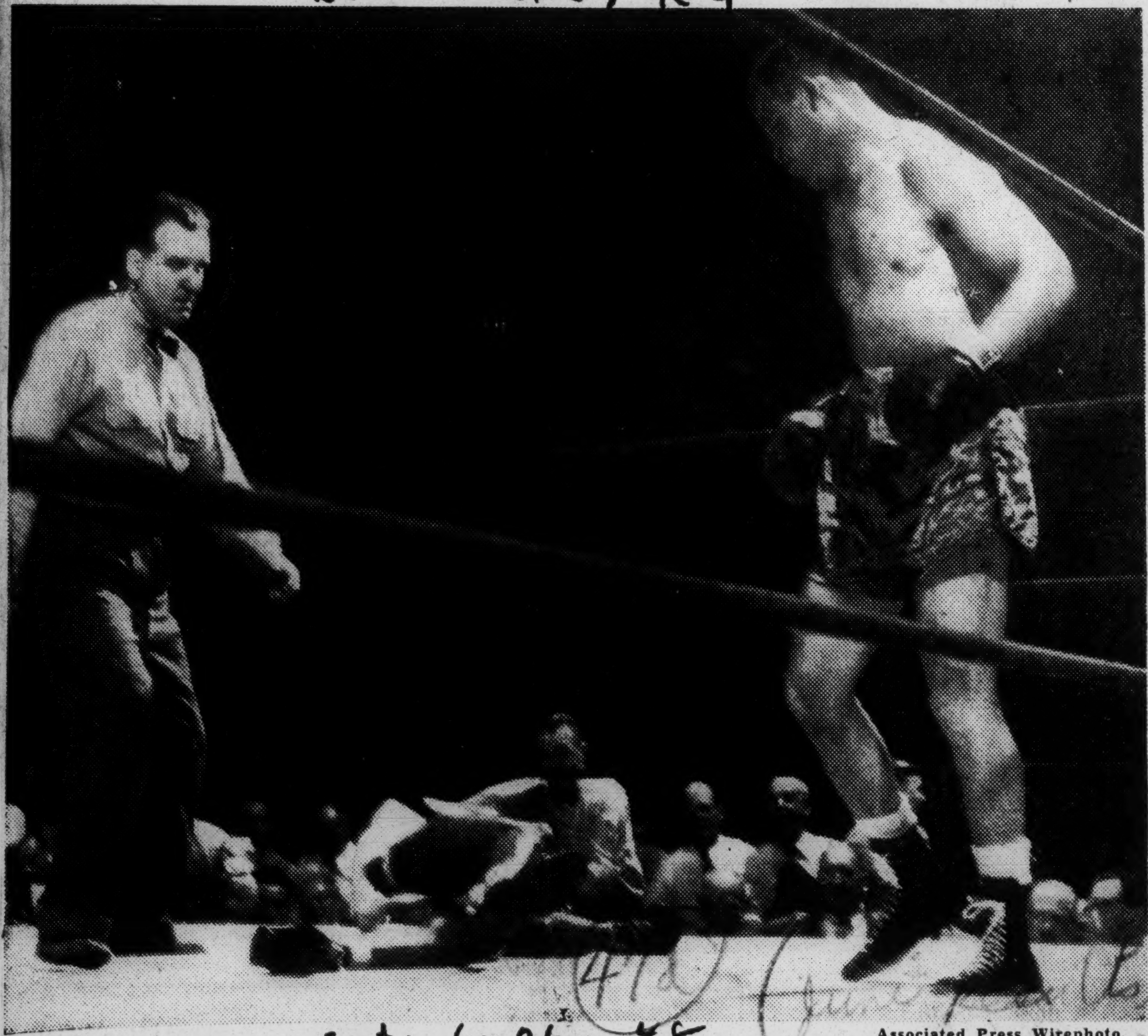
* James J. Braddock.

Louis, Winner In 11th, Says He's Quitting Ring

Courier – Journal

Louisville, Ky.



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STILL CHAMP . . . Champion Joe Louis stands over challenger "Jersey Joe" Walcott after sending him down for the count in the 11th round of their heavyweight title bout at Yankee Stadium. Referee Frankie Fullam moves in to start the count.

Harlem Goes Mad Over Joe Louis's Victory

Afro American

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Baltimore, Md.

By DOUGLASS HALL

I saw Harlem go mad with joy.

I saw an excited mob of 10,000 dance in the streets, lift an automobile on their collective shoulders, and crush other cars in by standing upon them. There was no age limit in this happy group. Little babies lounged sleeplessly in their mothers' arms. Old, stick-bound cripples habbled along with the crowd.

Joe Louis had just knocked out Jersey Joe Walcott. He was still champion of the world idol of the people. He had returned from his battle and his backers wanted to see him.

They had already wrecked his car, and I guess would have killed him if the cops hadn't been so firm in their desire not to let them touch him.

Why Kill One You Love?

I can't understand why folk want to mob to death the person that they love so much. But without police assistance that is just what might have happened. The mob would have taken him apart, piece by piece. It took thirty or more cops to get him into the Hotel Theresa.

"Why does he want to come down here after a fight?" a sweating cop asked. The answer came back like a fleeting arrow.

"This is Joe's home. He ain't above his people!"

Women Faint, Men Break Lines

A figure appeared on a balcony about the sixth floor of the hotel. Someone yelled "There's Joe." The figure waved. The mob acknowledged it with thunderous applause. Some women fainted, men broke police lines. Cops gave up.

But the man on the balcony was not Joe Louis. Just some youngster who came out for a breath of air. The crowd broke into good-natured laughter as they began chanting, "We want Joe."

The hotel's bar was closed. The clock hand climbed around to two. The mob was set for the night. "We will stay here all night if Joe does not come out," an old lady told a cop.

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No Way to Check

Sweating cops were not having any fun trying to keep the crowd out of the hotel's small lobby, which was grossly overcrowded. They had no way of telling who lived there and who didn't. They could not even get to the desk to check.

The crowd broke loose with unrestrained bellows. Eyes were uplifted toward a balcony. There stood a man, his hand in the air.

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There was no mistake this time. Joe was seeing his people and the people were seeing "their Joe."

One by one they began to leave —but some swore they were going to spend the night right outside Joe's hotel.

Crowd Is Tired Of Old Men Like Joe; Walcott Tried To Get Up, Couldn't

The Record, Columbia, S.C.

Sat. 6-26-48

NEW YORK, June 26.—(UP)—Head men of boxing sought a youthful successor to Joe Louis today because of the champion's retirement after his knockout victory over Jersey Joe Walcott in their million dollar fiasco of "old men" at Yankee Stadium.

Had the 34-year-old principals in last night's golden floperoo been preliminary boys, they would have been tossed out of the ring for stalling.

Yet each will share in the rich harvest of a $841,739 gate and in funds from radio, television and movies that must swell the total receipts well beyond $1,000,000.

The 42,667 fans who witnessed the twice-postponed extravaganza of ineffectiveness forgot some of their displeasure when they realized they had been present at the last performance of a once-great champion, who ruled the heavyweight division longer than any other titleholder.

When Louis knocked out the stocky, bull-shouldered challenger at 2-56 of the 11th round, he completed the 25th defense of the crown he had wrested from Jim Braddock at Chicago 11 years and three days before.

The champion from Detroit got some consolation from the race he was bowing out triumphantly when he announced his retirement in the dressing room, but even he admitted it was a "lousy fight."

Not As Bad

Two highlights prevented it from being as bad as the historic Louis-Billy Conn stinkeroo two years ago. Walcott floored Louis for a one-count with a right to the chin in the third round, and they were mixing freely—at last—when Louis achieved his kayo in the 11th.

Until the kayo, they had fumbled along on even terms in a much less interesting bout than their first engagement last December at Madison Square Garden, when Walcott surprised everyone by flooring the champ twice and nearly winning the title.

Only in the later rounds did Louis show any resemblance to the once-great pugilist who had knocked out nine previous opponents in return bouts. Those opponents included Max Schmeling, the ex-champion, whose knockout over Louis in 1936 marred the Detroit Negro's record with its only defeat in 62 professional bouts.

During most of the rounds last night, the crowd clamored for action, as a three-quarter moon finally rose above the green horse-shoe of stands and dispelled a threat of rain. And Referee Frankie Fullam kept urging both to "get in there and fight."

The Record

In the eighth and ninth rounds, Louis' left jab began showing some of its old-time speed and explosiveness; but he did nothing in the 10th. The pace stepped up in the 11th, and in an exchange Walcott staggered Louis with a right to the head. Louis fought back desperately and drove Walcott into the ropes, where he landed several hard body hooks. As Walcott sidled away from the ropes they exchanged furiously. Louis landed three rights to the head. Then a left hook to the jaw buckled the challenger's knees and started him wilting toward the floor. A following right to the chin sprawled Walcott sideways on the canvas. Jersey Joe pushed himself to hands and knees as the count reached three. He tried to rise as Fullam counted over him, but instead of rising he began to crawl along the canvas. He managed to get one knee off the canvas at the count of 10.

Columbia, S.C.

Strauss Displeased

Sol Strauss, acting promoter for Mike Jacobs' 20th Century club, was pleased with the excellent gate for a twice-postponed bout—his first outdoor promotion. But he was so displeased at the dull fight that he announced:

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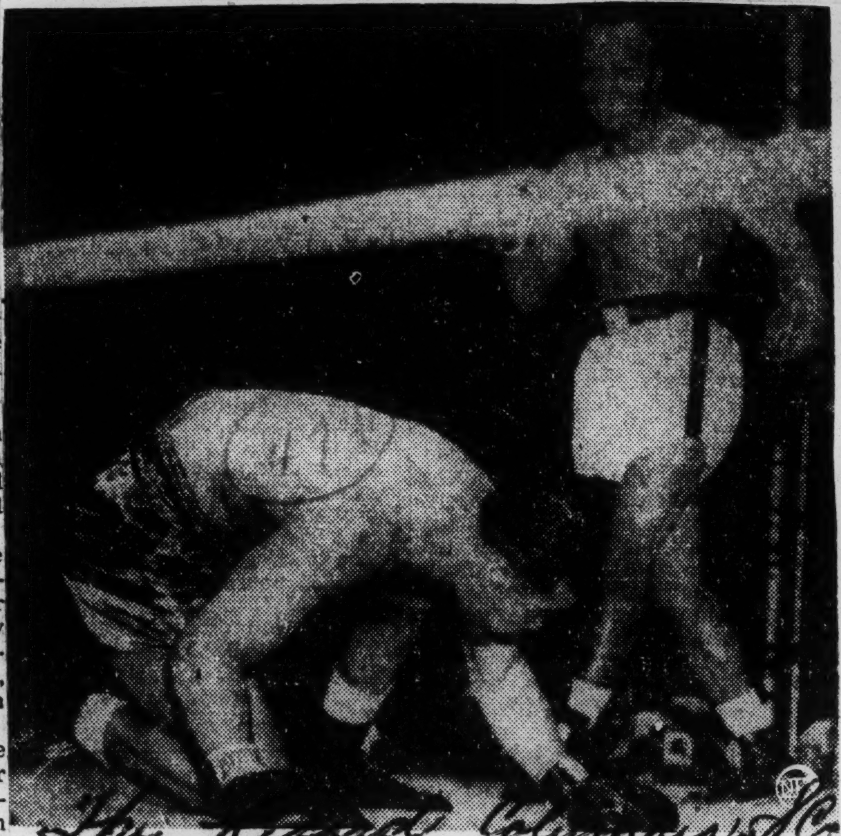
"There'll be no immediate tournament to determine a heavyweight champion. We want young men to compete for the title now. So, we'll stage a series of bouts among youngsters and we may come up with some who can fight for the vacant title next year. The heavyweight division must have young blood from now on."



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JOE LOUIS rises to his knees after being knocked down by a right to the jaw thrown by Jersey Joe Walcott in the third round of their title fight at Yankee Stadium in New York. Louis won by a kayo in 2:56 of the 11th round. (NEA Telephoto).

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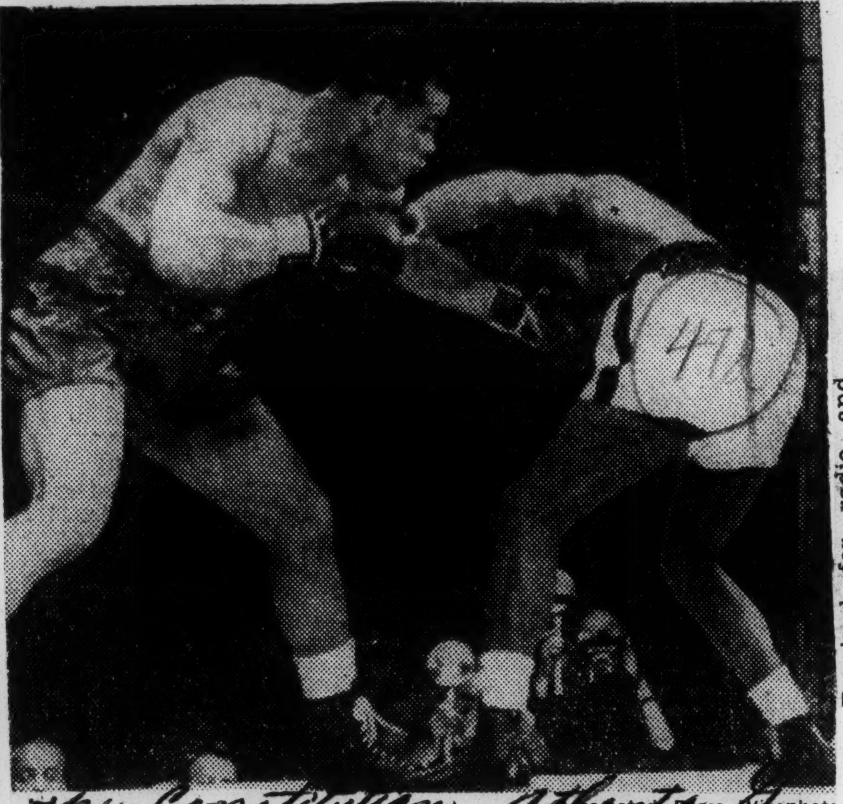
LAST ROUND: On July 4, 1934, a young boxer named Joe Louis fought his first professional fight. He knocked out Jack Kracken in the first round in Chicago. In June, 1937—twenty-five wins and one loss later—he won the world's heavyweight championship from James J. Braddock. As champion, Joe Louis defended his crown successfully twenty-five times, a record. Last Friday night, Joe Louis knocked out Jersey Joe Walcott in round eleven at the Yankee Stadium. Then he spoke into a radio "mike": "This is my last. I promised my mom."

The Times 6-27-48 New York, N.Y.



The Constitution Atlanta, Ga.

Associated Press Wirephoto

LOUIS LANDS LEFT—Champion Joe Louis lands a left to the body of Jersey Joe Walcott in the first round of their title fight last night in New York's Yankee Stadium. The champ went on to win by a knockout in the eleventh round of the scheduled 15-rounder.

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IN CHAMP'S DRESSING ROOM

Joe Louis Says He Will Enter Politics

The Constitution Atlanta, Ga.

By WHITNEY MARTIN

YANKEE STADIUM, NEW YORK, June 25—(AP)—Weary, and with his left eye slightly puffed, Joe Louis pushed his way through a milling crowd to his dressing-room for the last time tonight.

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Successful by a knockout over Jersey Joe Walcott in the 11th round of their heavyweight championship fight, the retiring champion—according to his own statement—said he was satisfied with his fight, and also intimated he still thought very little of Jersey Joe as a fighter.

"Five years ago I would have come out in the first round and got it over with in a hurry," Louis said, then added sadly, "but I'm not the fighter I was five years ago.

"I was determined to fight Walcott's fight and not be tricked into any moves by his hokey-pokey stuff. I would have been satisfied with a decision if I hadn't caught him, as I thought I could outpoint him. I thought I lost only two rounds—the second and the sixth."

The champion's trainer, Manny Seamon, wasn't so sure, however.

"I told Joe at the end of the 10th round that it was an even fight and he'd better get in there or he'd blow his title, as anything could happen. Joe said at the end of nearly every round that he'd catch him, and Joe said about the 10th round he was beginning to catch on, that he was getting Walcott with his jab."

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Louis perspiring profusely as the mob of reporters and photographers hemmed him in, managed to blurt that he planned to enter politics.

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"Going to make any speeches, Joe," some one asked above the hub-bub.

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"Sure, you can't be in politics without making speeches," he answered, logically. Pressed as to what party he could side with, he sidestepped as neatly as Walcott did for 10 rounds. "I'll announce that next week," he said coyly.

Louis denied he was hurt at any time during the fight, even when he was knocked down in the third round.

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The reporters gradually straggled out as the champion headed for the showers. Through the minds of more than one flashed the thought they were seeing the last of a great champion who had brought them 11 years of thrills before deciding enough was enough.

Financial Facts On Louis-Walcott

Herald Tribune New York

Fight for Title

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Financial facts and figures on the Louis-Walcott fight:

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Attendance	42,667
Gross gate	$841,739
*Taxes	$210,434
*Net gate	$673,391
*Louis's share	$252,522
*Walcott's share	$126,261
Received for radio and television rights	$100,000
Louis's share radio-television	$40,000
Walcott's share radio-television	$20,000
†Receipts from movies	$300,000
*Louis's share of movies	$120,000
*Walcott's share of movies	$67,500
*Total Louis purse	$412,522
*Total Walcott purse	$213,761

*Approximate.

†Conservative estimate.

Champ Says He's Retiring

The Constitution

Atlanta, Ga.

By JACK HAND.

YANKEE STADIUM, NEW YORK, June 25—(AP)—The savage Joe Louis of 10 years ago lived again for a few violent seconds tonight to knock out Jersey Joe Walcott in 2:56 of the eleventh round and the announced his retirement as unbeaten heavyweight champion of the world.

The 34-year-old Brown Bomber repeated under the most dramatic circumstances, his earlier decision to quit. He stood in his corner with his right arm raised triumphantly aloft as the man who held the crown longer than any other in history. Sat. 6-26-48

His left eye puffed half shut and his dignity ruffled by a one-count knockdown in the third round, the Bomber finally caught up with the jigging challenger late in the eleventh round.

Pinning the cagy pappy guy from Camden, N. J., on the ropes, Louis Bombed Walcott to the floor with a salvo of chilling right hand blows. At 213½ pounds, the heaviest of his career, Louis had refused to chase his man in the early going while Jersey Joe danced, feinted and three-stepped in annoying fashion.

The challenger, at 194¾ pounds, also was conservative, remaining at long range while the crowd of 42,667 which paid $841,739 loosed boos and cat-calls. Twice Referee Frank Fullam called to Walcott, "Come on, this is a fight."

Once the Bomber caught his man, it was curtains. Walcott, a 2-to-1 under-dog, tumbled to the resin and turned on his back after catching the full fury of the Louis attack. At seven he started to come around and began to scrape himself off the canvas. But he couldn't make it and Fullam tolled the fatal 10.

Up to that time the two judges had Walcott out in front and Fullam had the champion in the lead. The Associated Press card had it all even at five rounds each. Fullam had it Louis 5-2 with three even. Judge Jack O'Sullivan scored it for Walcott 5-4 with one even. Judge Harold Barnes gave Jersey Joe a wide edge, 6-3, with one even. The Constitution

Thus Louis becomes the first heavyweight king to quit on top since Gene Tunney in 1928. Jim Jefferies retired unbeaten but was lured out of the shadows to suffer a knockout loss five years later. Atlanta, Ga.

Sol Strauss, Acting Promoter of the Twentieth Century Sporting Club, said he planned to match all the leading heavyweights to uncover a new champion. Sat.

Walcott, who will certainly get some consideration, became the tenth return bout victim of the Louis attack. Thus he joined Billy Conn, Bob Pastor, Arturo Godoy and Max Schmeling among those who escaped once, but got the axe the second time around. 6-26-48

The champ's cut of the gross $841,739 was about $252,000. The challenger got half as much. An added sum from radio and television, reportedly $100,000, was to be added to that of the gross and, of course, a juicy split from the movie rights.

Louis was a 1-2 favorite, the odds having dipped in the last few weeks.

CROWD SEVERELY CUT BY POSTPONEMENTS

The Commercial Appeal

Stadium Scarcely Third Full—Tarpaulin Over Ring

Memphis, Tenn.

BETTING ODDS UNCHANGED

Sat. 6-26-48

By The Associated Press

YANKEE STADIUM, NEW YORK, June 25.—Clear skies greeted the Joe Louis-Jersey Joe Walcott heavyweight championship bout Friday night, although it was an oppressive, muggy evening.

There was no question that the two postponements had hurt the gate of this return bout between the two 34-year-old Joes whose first battle in December stirred up such a violent controversy.

Plenty of Refunds

A half hour before the first preliminary bout there was only a scattering of fans in the cavernous stadium. Perhaps 3000 early birds rattled around in the $5 bleacher seats that had gone on sale at 5 o'clock. As usual, the boys and gals in the $50 ringside seats were late in arriving.

Sol Strauss, acting promoter of the Twentieth Century Sporting Club, predicted the gate would be "around $800,000."

Earlier in the day, Ned Irish, Madison Square Garden executive, said there would be "at least $75,000" paid out in refunds. Strauss said he was sure the figure would be at least that high.

Seven rows of working press were installed at ringside to send the story of Louis' 25th and possibly last title defense to every corner of the globe. Television cameras were ready to send the main go to a seven-station network and a coast-to-coast radio was to air the show.

The 24-foot ring with its wide apron was covered with a heavy tarpaulin as a protection against any more "scattered thundershowers" such as arrived Thursday night. The Commercial Appeal

"Seven workmen got on the job rolling back the cover revealing a dry ring. There had been some worry in Walcott circles that the footing might not be right for the the speedy challenger. It appeared to be perfect. Memphis, Tenn.

There was no change in the betting odds, with the champion still a solid 5 to 11 favorite to win again as he had done in nine previous return bouts with stubborn opponents. If you wanted to bet Louis you had to give 12 to 5 but if you liked Walcott the best you could get was 2 to 1. In other words, it was 5 to 11 in man-to-man betting, reflecting a surge of Walcott cash in the last two weeks. Originally Walcott was an underdog at prices ranging from 3 to 1 to 4 to 1.

Weigh-In Waived Sat.

The fighters did not weight in for a second time despite the 48 hour postponement. Louis scaled 213, heaviest of his career, Wednesday, and Walcott 194¾ pounds. Louis weighed 211 for the December fight to 194½ for Jersey Joe.

Walcott, wearing a white sport jacket over dark slacks, arrived at the park 10 minutes before Louis who was wearing a sport shirt under a regular business suit when he went to his dressing room.

When the first preliminary boys climbed through the ropes, the big stadium was scarcely one thir full.

Arthur Donovan, veteran referee of many of Louis' most important fights, was the third man in the ring for the opening four-rounder between Phil Berman, 173½, Paterson, N. J., and Eddie Neuguth, 176, Brooklyn. 6-26-48

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Knockout Saved Bout from 'Worse in History'

Free Press Detroit, Mich.

BY LYALL SMITH

Free Press Detroit, Mich.

NEW YORK.

If Joe Louis hadn't knocked out Jersey City Joe Walcott their so-called "fight" would have been one of the greatest farces in boxing history.

It was so bad that a gent in the press row spat disgustedly after the 10th round. "Holy smoke," he declared. "This fight not only was postponed two nights. It's being postponed a third time right now."

When Louis caught his man in the 11th it was different. He hit him with two blows—a right and left—either one of which would have done the trick. Then to make sure, Louis did everything but catapult Walcott up into the Yankee Stadium balcony.

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He hit him so fast in a flurry of only seconds that it was impossible to keep count of the punches. Best guess is around 20.

An hour later, safe at last in his dressing room, Walcott blamed Referee Frank Fullam for his defeat.

"He kept yelling for me to get in there and fight," declared Walcott ruefully. "I changed my style and look what happened."

Backers of the loser also blamed Fullam. The guy actually should be cast in bronze and placed on a pedestal of honor wherever there are fight fans if he really did make Walcott start fighting.

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Walcott Didn't Help Situation

YOU WOULD have to see it to believe it. Walcott always retreating. He never advanced once—even when he dropped the champ for one second in the third round.

He would flick out a left jab while in retreat. Then turn and walk away. Louis couldn't get close to him until after 32 minutes of ring time had elapsed. When he finally did, he rang down the curtain. Free Press

Say what you will, Walcott is not the kind of fighter you'd like to see as world champion. He's the kind who hits and then runs away so he can come back to fight some other day. His style of retreat put him in the same ludicrous class as Arturo Godoy, Lou Nova and Billy Conn when they fought Louis.

Godoy went into a crouch that had his gloves dangling on the canvas while the only target he could offer was the top of his head. Detroit, Mich.

Nova, the fighter who gained great strength—he says—through Yogi, decided that a good maneuver would be to jump up and down in the ring like a jumping jack and then throw a punch either from the top or bottom of his head. He, too, was knocked out.

Conn, in his rematch, did a little of the same thing. At one stage of his last Louis fight he suddenly jumped back and started using his fists in the same motion as if he were pulling a rope from the ceiling. Sun. 6-27-48

Louis blinked his eyes in surprise and then laughed. But he didn't laugh when he caught the retreating Conn a few rounds later. Neither did Bill.

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Tactics Irked Joe No End

LOUIS—ALWAYS confused by the unorthodox—plainly was bewildered by all such tactics. But just so long. Detroit, Mich.

Walcott definitely had him befuddled but I don't know what kind of fighting machine WOULDN'T have been confused by an opponent who seemingly wanted to trade punches from a distance of about eight feet. Free Press

Louis knew it was a bad fight. After the seventh round, when Walcott bicycled especially fast, Louis glared at him in disgust before walking back to his corner after the bell.

Even in some of its few spots of excitement, the fight was booed, favorite comment from far out in the $5 seats was: **"You BOTH should retire—right now!"** 6-27-48

But then it ended the way most fans wanted to see it end. Louis said he was through. Only bad thing that could happen now would be for him to change his mind. Sun.

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2-24-48

New York, N.Y.

By Bill Mardo

Ah, Those Fite Managers

Tues 2-24-48

RAY ROBINSON'S name never aroused any wells of affection in the hearts of those who manage fighters for a living. Put your own quotation around the word heart because while it means many things never was it intended to include hopping an airplane while a prizefighter you managed lay near death in a strange town without even his parents arrived yet.

What has Mike Spinelli, the punk who took his cut out of Sam Baroudi while the body was still turning cold, got to do with the great welterweight champion? Only this. For many years Ray Robinson was vilified and slandered in the front offices of boxing because he was "too damn independent." Ray didn't like managers. Early in his career he got rid of his because he didn't believe a nickel phone-call to a matchmaker's office entitled somebody to half his earnings. Ray has since managed his own affairs while letting his close friend George Gainford use the formal title for the sake of Commission rulings. But as I say, Robinson's distrust and disgust for the blood-suckers has earned him the rep of being a bad egg.

You think of how Robinson feels about managers when you read of the knife Mike Spinelli dug into Sam Baroudi's dead body. And while you have known some good guys who manage boxers, you find it much easier to add up the louses, the ones who are out only for the quick buck and to hell with the fighter.

One night at Ebbets Field you'll never forget. This was a prelim on the Mauriello-Carollo card, and you were sitting right under the kid's corner. He couldn't fight worth a damn and you wondered whatever made him try the fight racket, but in his clumsy way he was trying his best even though he was taking an awful beating. But the two guys who owned him didn't think the one-minute interim between rounds entitled the kid to a rest. One of them slapped his bloody face silly while the other heaped filth and abuse on him. "You faker!" he screamed. "Get in there and fight . . . Faker . . . Faker!" . . . and this went on round after round, the kid took two beatings, one from the other fighter, and another from his miserable managers with the foul mouth and stinging open hand . . 2-24-48

NOT ALL managers act that way. There was once a brilliant welter prospect name of Aaron Perry who came in here during the war days. He had racked up a neat record out of town and was even more sensational his first night in the Garden semi-final. The boy had everything and there was no reason why he shouldn't have gone right to the top. His manager was a quiet, gentle looking white-haired old gent. But Aaron Perry was due for Army induction in a few months, and this nice retiring old Santa Claus then perpetrated as neat a job of managerial murder as did Sam Baroudi's manager. If Aaron Perry is alive today, it's not because his manager wasn't trying.

In rapid fire succession, the young, still-learning Perry was matched with comebacking Henry Armstrong, who pounded his body for six rounds and then knocked him into a limp heap; Jimmy McDaniels, a wise campaigner from California who gave the kid such a merciless beating that a friend I took to the fights that night has never gone again; and so it went down the line. Aaron Perry was headed for the Army, you remember. His sweet old manager had no way of knowing whether he would ever come out of the service in one piece. So he rushed him in over his head, milked the magic of the kid's name dry, and walleted a nice wad to see him through the war years while Aaron was gone.

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Today, every so often, you can read the small out-of-town fight results and you'll run across Aaron Perry's name, more often than not getting kayoed by somebody who wouldn't have been able to lace his shoes if his manager had brought him along carefully. Those needless beatings Aaron took as a promising 19-year-old have added up. He's become a punching bag. Who manages him today, I don't know. Probably the same guy. A manager can make money so long as his boy can lift his legs over the ropes and climb into the ring. When the day comes that he can't . . . so what . . . the woods are full of kids who want to fight. New York, N.Y.

Some people may rationalize Sam Baroudi's death by considering only nine ring fatalities in 1947 a pretty good commentary on the way professional boxing is operated. But those people forget one thing. Fighters don't have to die to highlight corruptness. Some of them go blind in one eye like Bobby Ruffin . . . and that doesn't warrant a headline. Others, like Artie Levine, don't "feel right" after a while. Some, like Monty Pignatore, go completely sightless and his Bensonhurst buddies ask sports editors to help start a Fund Drive for the blind battler. How many thousands more wind up in a condition commonly called "punchy," but the word seems cruelly callous when you see what punchy means in the flesh—stumbling, rubber-legged guys who drool half sentences and never know what time it is. No, they don't all have to die, like Baroudi, Glen Newton Smith, Jimmy Doyle, Lem Franklin . . .

But dead or alive, you can trace it all to the Mike Spinelli's—and the Boxing Commissions which never bother to protect a fighter from his manager.

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On the Score Board

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New York, N.Y.

By Lester Rodney

Baer Has a Few Words to Say

Thurs. 3-4-48

MAX BAER was always one of my favorite people in the fight game. Gifted with a superb grandeur of physique and a thunderous right hand punch, he turned almost inevitably to the prize ring as his means of escaping the very-far-from-glamorous life of a cowhand on a California ranch. One thing kept him from becoming a wonderful, unbeatable heavyweight champion. He didn't like fighting. He never received any pleasure from hitting another man and he certainly didn't enjoy the juicy pain of another man's glove propelled into his own face. He said so in frank moments at training camps where he never seriously worked on developing a left and rarely bothered about attaining condition, but did have a lot of fun.

He was seven kinds of a screwball, with a big, hammy Hollywood streak sticking out all over him. I'll never forget watching him in one of his last fights. Lou Nova, a sturdy young man at the time, had survived his early roundhouse blasts to the chin and when Max ran out of gas began to methodically punch old glamor boy's face lopsided. Wheezing pitifully for breath through a spray of blood, choking and gasping, one eye closed, Max suddenly drew himself up in a last picturesque gesture of bravado.

He sucked in his stomach, blew out his still massive chest, drew back his once dreaded right and impaled Nova with a terrible sneer of sheer contempt. That was all he had left. Nova promptly resumed belting him and because he couldn't hit hard enough to knock Baer out and Max was hardly able to continue breathing they stopped the fight.

Why He Didn't Get Up

Daily Worker

SOME SAID HE didn't have it inside. They said he quit on one knee against Joe Louis, shaking his head when he could have gotten up.

One day at Grossingers, where he trained for the edification of the July mink coat crowd, he told me he was perfectly conscious that night when he didn't get up. So conscious, as he put it, that he KNEW he was just about helpless and would be seriously hurt if he took any more of Louis' thunder and lightning to the head. **"If I wanted to play dead,"** he said in an aggrieved way which told how deeply the whispers had cut, **"I could always have fallen over on my back and been counted out. I just wanted to keep living, that's all. I was all through and that guy could have hit me at will. What the hell did those people pay to see—a murder?"** Just incidentally if you ask Joe Louis to this very day which of his opponents took the most punishment from him, he will instantly reply, **"Max Baer. He's the one I hit the most hard punches."**

I recall this today because a little United Press item tells of the almost forgotten Baer taking time out from his night club clowning on the West Coast to bitterly assail the recent ring deaths. He is quoted as saying, **"The deaths are due to the impotence of referees, incompetence and neglect on the part of boxing commissions and failure of appointed officials to do their jobs."** New York, N.Y.

Baer himself was not totally disconnected from death in the prize ring. Early in his career, when he hardly knew his own strength, he battered a fighter named Frankie Campbell (Dolph Camilli's brother) in a Frisco ring while a referee and assorted ringside officials let the fight proceed. Campbell died. Ernie Schaff also took a beating from Baer and after "passing" a New York State physical examination, died when one of Primo Carnera's musclebound left pushes nudged the side of his head. The fans booed and yelled fake as he collapsed.

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Examinations Are a Joke

SAM BAROUDI, the 20-year-old Negro killed recently in a Chicago ring, had suffered a severe head beating several months before, it turned out. The latest ring fatality, another 20-year-old, was Leroy Decatus, who fought in California despite knowledge of a physical defect so that he could support a wife and baby. He passed the pre-fight examination.

"The examination is a joke," Baer said yesterday, "If his heart is beating, he passes and goes into the ring.

Must be much like our Port of Embarkation physicals were in the Army. Two doctors flashed a light aimlessly toward two different body openings and waved the man through to glory. One comedian in my outfit, on a wager, crawled across the examining stage on his stomach and was five yards past the second doctor before an administrative lieutenant ordered him to stand up and race past the MD's in the normal way. Thurs. 3-4-48

That wasn't so bad. The Army couldn't bee too choosy when overseas was calling. And everybody had a chance. But the war is over—they say. Kids with minute brain hemorrhages from previous knockouts are being passed along to death.

I'm sitting down tonight and writing a letter to Max Baer congratulating him for speaking up and telling him to keep at it. And one more to Dewey's boy, boxing commissioner Eagan, asking just what the examining physicians lok for and whether they ever think of checking a fighter's record for recent damaging knockouts before permitting him to risk his sanity and life for the enrichment of some dirty little heel who profanes the word "manager."

Board Says Pilot Falsified Dead Fighter's Age

P.M.

New York, N.Y.

By Associated Press

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CHICAGO

The Illinois Athletic Commission yesterday ordered Mike Spinelli, New York textile trucker, to show cause on Mar. 8 why he should not be suspended as a boxing manager in connection with the ring death of Sam Baroudi. Tue

The Commission said that as Baroudi's manager, Spinelli falsely gave 22 as the age of the 20-year-old Akron fighter, who died of cerebral hemorrhage early Saturday, six hours after a 10-round bout with Ezzard Charles of Cincinnati. 2-24-48

Under the Illinois code, a fighter under 21 cannot participate in bouts of more than six rounds.

Conduct After Fight To Be Questioned

The Commission said it intended also to interrogate Spinelli on his "conduct" after Baroudi was floored by Charles in the 10th round of their Chicago Stadium fight Friday night. PM

At a coroner's inquest Saturday, it was disclosed that Spinelli attempted to catch a plane for New York several hours before Baroudi died at Columbus Hospital and had with him his fighter's share of the purse, $4000. Spinelli missed the plane, and when accosted by photographers and newsmen, returned to the inquest. New York, N.Y.

Spinelli applied for an Illinois manager's license on Jan. 23.

Fred Tuerk, commission member, emphasized that if Illinois banned Spinelli as a manager, the National Boxing Assn. of which the state is a member, would follow suit. NBA membership includes most states in which boxing officially is recognized, except New York and Pennsylvania. 2-24-48

Baroudi Also Falsified Age

The commission, expressing desire to award Baroudi's impounded purse to the dead fighter's family, asked the State Attorney General to rule on the legality of such action since Baroudi was a minor.

Not only Spinelli, but Baroudi, whose real name was Crandall, falsified his age, the fighter swearing previously before the commission that he was 21. 2-24-48

Meanwhile, a coroner's jury continued investigation of the fatality and will hold a formal session Friday. A separate inquiry also was being conducted by the Assistant State's Attorney, Dan Ryan.

Lend an Ear, Eagan

SEVERAL GOOD ideas flowing out of the recent ring tragedies The Illinois Commish wants to make a nine-count imperative every time a fighter hits the deck. Very sensible . . . since the floored battler is going to lose the round anyway it does him no good to bounce right up simply to avoid the onus of a nine-count . . . which always looks in print as if the guy was more badly hurt than if he took "2" or "3" . . . when very often the reverse is actually true. There've been so many cases of a fighter, savagely stunned by a blow bouncing off the floor only because he no longer has the sense of presence to stay down and gain some precious seconds to better equip him against the finishing onslaught. . . .

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Tue 3/2/48

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Jack Dempsey is all for giving a fighter's handlers the right again to throw in a towel. That used to be okay at one time and the idea is still good. There's often the occasion where a boy's handlers know better than a strange ref whether the battler is acting right after he's been floored or badly banged around . . . in addition, the guys in the corner can tell in between rounds whether there's an abnormal amount of blood coming from what may look to the ref like a simple mouth cut . . . remember, blood pouring from the mouth is often symptomatic of an internal hemorhage. Tue. 3-2-48

Another good idea would compel each fighter to supply a competent medical case history before getting his license. That way the Friday tragedy in California could have been averted. Leroy DeCatur, the 20-year old kid who dropped dead at the Holiywood Legion Stadium in his first pro fight, had a peculiar type heart ailment which didn't show up in the ordinary pre-fight examinations. . . .

About those head injuries which led to the deaths of Jimmy Doyle and Sam Baroudi. . . . I understand there's a machine called the encelograph which, if used in pre-bout exams, deetrmines the amount of brain deterioration suffered by a fighter known to have absorbed previous bad head beatings. . . .

NBA Rates Louis As King, Walcott As Outstanding Pug

Journal-Guide

Norfolk, Va.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(ANP)—In its latest ratings of fighters, the National Boxing Association listed Joe Louis as heavyweight champion with no logical contenders and only two outstanding boxers. Nine other fighters received honorable mention.

According to these ratings, Joe Louis has not yet made his retirement official. When he does make this announcement, the scramble among this 11 for the crown will begin.

Jersey Joe Walcott was listed as first of the two outstanding boxers. The other was Lee Savold. Among the fighters receiving honorable mention were Elmer Ray, Jimmy Bivins and Turkey Thompson.

Sat. 7-24-48

CHARLES IGNORED

Ezzard Charles was left out of this division. He was listed as the logical contender for the 175 pound crown of Gus Lesnevich who was also left out of the heavyweight rankings. Honorable mention in the lightheavy division was given to Archie Moore, Billie Smith, Billy Fox, Lloyd Marshall, Bob Foxworth and Bob Satterfield.

Ray Robinson stood all along as champion of the welterweight class with no logical contenders. Bernard Docusen headed the list of outstanding boxers. Kit Gavilan and Sugar Costner were rated fourth and sixth among outstanding boxers.

ROBBIE SLIGHTED

Robinson, who would like a shot at the mddleweight crown, was left out of the 160 pound list. Bert Lytell was rated one of the two logical contenders for Tony Zale's crown.

In the lightweight division Freddie Dawson was fourth in the list of outstanding boxers with Ike Williams still champ.

Harold Dade, former bantamweight king, is seventh in the

Charles, Bivins start NBA's tourney for Louis' successor

Tribune

Los Angeles, Calif.

Sat. 7-17-48

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Leading lightheavy contender Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati, and Jimmy Bivins, Cleveland, will start the ball a-rollin' in the hastily whipped up (by the National Boxing Ass'n) heavyweight elimination tournament for a successor to Joe Louis.

The two Ohioans are scheduled to meet in a 10-round at Griffith stadium here Aug. 2 in a benefit for the Variety club, under the promotion of Mrs. Florence Turner, only woman licensed to promote pro bouts in the U. S.

NBA approved, this bout is expected to cut the winner onto the inside track for the heavyweight title," said Harvey T. Miller, chairman of the District of Columbia Boxing Commission and secretary of NBA.

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Charles, longtime NBA number-one contender for Gus Lesnevitch's lightheavy crown, is twice a winner over Bivins; once by a four-round kayo. Recently he was named by Louis as the boy most likely to succeed him as champion. Bivins, wartime heavyweight king, has slipped noticeably in the postwar, has lost about as many as he has won, but is still in contention.

'The New' Sid Peaks Ready for Bolden Bout

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The Courier-Journal

Louisville, Ky. Sun. 3-7-48

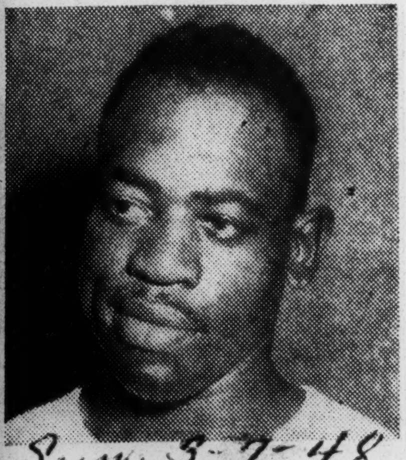
Fistic fans get a new look at slugging Sid Peaks, Kentuckiana heavyweight hope, Tuesday night at the Armory.

Peaks fights Nate Bolden, Chicago battler who could cause him no end of trouble and embarrassment.

But owner Paul Karem and trainer Charley Jones promise a "new" Peaks for the Bolden bout, a more polished all-around fighter than the big 215-pound Charlestown clouter who slugged it out with Joe Louis last summer and only last month knocked out No. 4 heavyweight challenger Lee Q. Murray.

ENTHUSIASTIC

"Charley's (Jones) had Sid (Peaks) working in the gym every day since I bought his contract," Karem exclaimed enthusiastically. "He's boxing much better, and driving his punches home harder than ever; can't even pay fellows to work out in the gym with him any more."



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Sid Peaks

Charley Jones cut in, "They won't know Peaks . . . he's the most rapidly improved fighter I've handled."

Bolden is scheduled to arrive Monday morning for the Tuesday scrap. 3-7-48

Harold Guss, who won his 19th straight pro fight Thursday in Chicago, is due Sunday night for his eight-round co-feature with Eddy La Marr, Oklahoma titleholder. Guss flattened Bob Garner in his debut February 27. La Marr has a record of 30 wins in 35 starts. 3-7-48

Officer Joe Martin is working Jimmy Robinson over the weekend to whip him in tip-top shape for the fight with Willie Cheatham in the third eight-rounder. Cheatham has been fighting boys like World Champion Ike Williams, Gene Burton and Bobby McIntyre. The Courier-Journal

Jeffersonville's Bob O'Bannon and Allen Hackett of Frankfort, Ky., a state Golden Gloves champion, fight in the fourth eight-rounder. Louisville, Ky.

The Courier-Journal Louisville, Ky. Fri. 4-30-48

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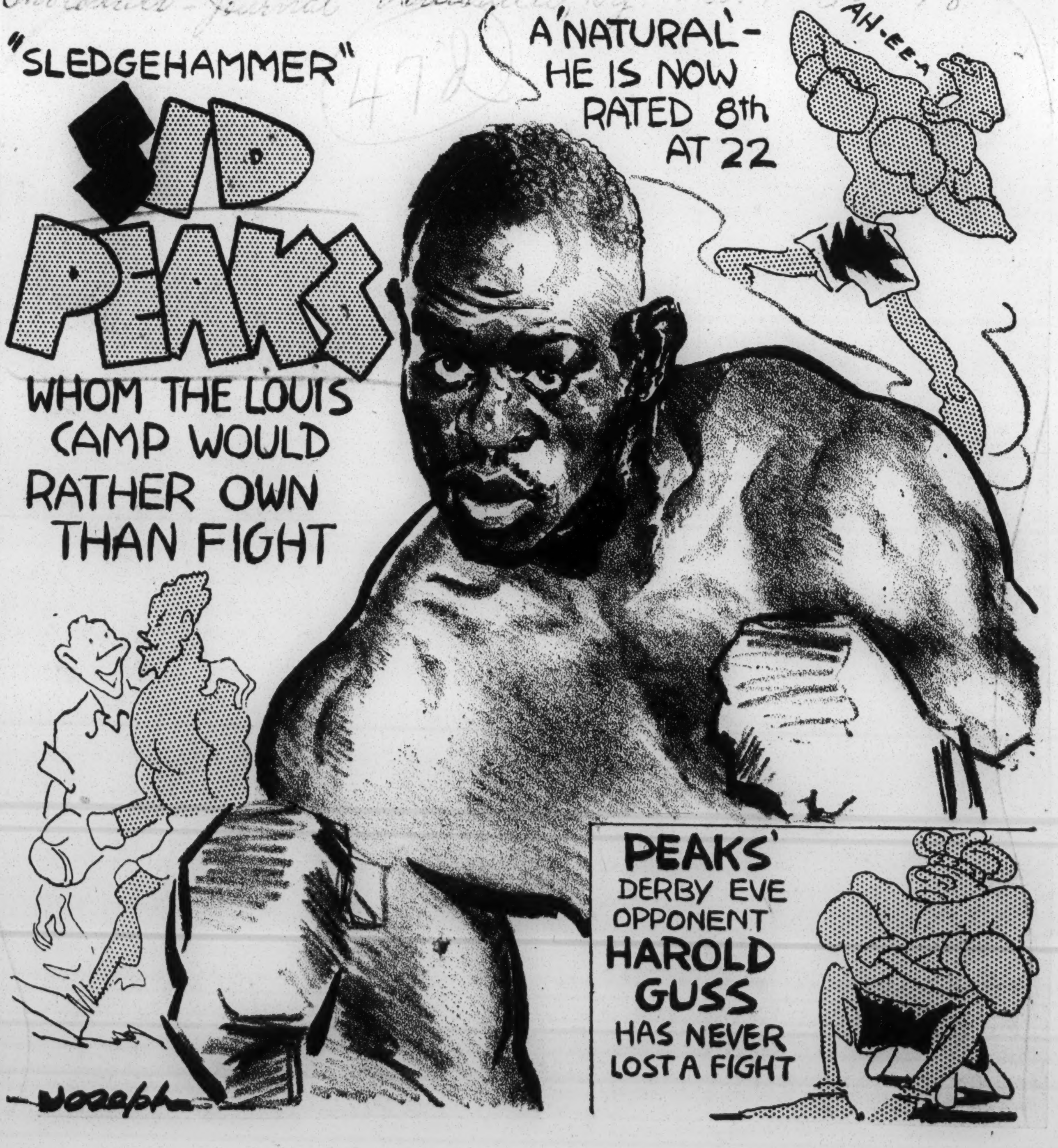
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Guss Spots Peaks 32 Pounds In Armory Main Go Tonight

Sidney Peaks, who turned from mowing lawns as a livelihood to mowing down fistic opponents, will be out tonight to make Derby visitors carry home more than the memory of a horse race.

The dynamite-fisted Charlestown, Ind., clubber meets Harold Guss, unbeaten Chicago whirlwind, in the 10-round feature of an appealing Derby Eve fight card. And when fans leave the Armory, the No. 8 ranked heavyweight challenger hopes they'll spread the word that they saw possible title timber.

OFF DECK

The bout will be the first of any consequence for the muscular 215-pounder since he K.O.'d Lee Q. Murray, then ranked No. 4, and Kid Riviera early last winter.

In both those millings, the former grass cutter got off the deck to triumph. So ever since he was purchased by Paul Karem three months ago, Coach Charlie Jones has been drilling the slugger in the art of defense.

WARM UP

Peaks came out of the gym recently for warm-ups against a pair of mediocre hands and he promptly disposed of them via the K.O. route. 4-30-48

Thus, tonight's fight for the dusky giant, discovered while he was mowing Charlestown lawns by Dutch Reese, actually is viewed by his camp as his first real test since he retired to the gym to be worked on by Jones, manager of ex-lightweight champ Sammy Angott.

And they also see it as the first

By LARRY BOECK, Courier-Journal Staff Writer.

Fri. 4-30-48

step in a campaign to get him a shot at the world's title.

The strapping Peaks, a 1-2 favorite and choice of many ringbirds to come through with an early knockout, was pronounced fit and ready last night by Jones.

"He's worked hard the last few months and learned a lot," he said. "You'll see a Peaks who now can box as well as punch."

Optimism also prevailed at the Guss camp, where followers shrugged off the 32 pounds the "Cool Breeze" will be spotting Peaks. Guss is expected to come in at 183 to Peaks' 215. 4-30-48

"Weight and punch are good things to have—if you can use 'em," said Ken Offet, Guss handler "Joe Louis is the hardest puncher of them all, but that didn't bother Joe Walcott, did it?

"And don't forget this, either—Guss has a punch himself."

His record shows, indeed, that he is a larruper. Chosen "Prospect of the Month" by Nat Fleischer, New York ring authority, the Chicago sensation has won all his 21 pro fights, compiling 17 knockouts in the process.

SPEED

He also possesses lightning speed, both in moving and in punching, and no doubt will be relying on fleet maneuvering to outbox and outpunch Peaks.

Peaks, on the other hand, is amazingly nimble for a man his size. He's proven that in the gym and in compiling his record of 25 wins in 28 fights, 24 of those victims being chilled. 4-30-48

Joe Louis, with whom he fought several exhibition and who wanted the big mauler, was the first to notice his speed. And Jack Kearns, also once an interested party, said Peaks could punch as hard as the champ he once managed—Jack Dempsey.

Bob Garner, who sparred with Louis for five weeks prior to the Walcott fight, echoed that sentiment. Now Peaks' sparring mate, he said "I'd rather be hit by Louis any day than by Peaks."

A strong preliminary card supports the show, which starts at 8:30. Additionally, World Light-Heavyweight Champion Gus Lesnevich will be on hand to stage an exhibition.

PRELIMS

Two semi-windups, each eight rounds, are billed. 4-30-48

Colion Chaney, heavyweight Indianapolis surprise package, meets Ocie Tolbert, young Chicago slugger, in one. Chaney invades hot on a winning streak that includes triumphs over Abel Cestac, Buddy Walker, Lee Oma and Henry "Snow" Flake. Additionally, he holds a decision over Peaks, but had been K.O.'d by Murray and Elmer Violent Ray before getting hot. Tolbert is comparatively raw, having had just 10 fights. But he has displayed a pulverizing punch.

STEAL SHOW Fri.

In the other eight, promising lightweights Joe Discepoli, Cincinnati, and Freddy Maes, the Denver hope, square-off. It's a fight that could steal the show.

And the same might be said of the six-round middleweight brawl between two locals, Sgt. Mickey Janoski and Willie Johnson. They're rematched after Johnson scored an upset decision on the last show. 4-30-48

Bobo Drago and Wally Rose open the show in a four. They also are rematched after their last pleasing performance.

Win Gary Fite For Negro Ref

Daily Worker 470

Special to the Daily Worker

GARY Indiana.—Discrimination was knocked for another loop in this steel city which gave Tony Zale to boxing when it was finally decided that a Negro will officiate as a referee in all future Golden Gloves tourneys locally. Thurs.

Despite the fact that since 1937 more than half of all successful contenders representing Gary in the GGs have been Negroes no Negro had been allowed to officiate in any capacity. 1-29-48

Booker Beckwith a former Golden Glove fighter himself and later a contender for the light-heavyweight championship was designated to serve as the referee without any trial period whatsoever.

This decision came as a result of a fight initiated by the Oldtimer's Club of Cary and receiving the full support of the United Council of Negro Organizations representing every important Negro organization of Gary.

New York, N.Y.

Representatives of these groups met with officials of the Gary **Post-Tribune** and the director of athletics in Gary public schools and it was out of this conference that the decision came.

Robinson's Manager Is Fearful Boiling Out May Injure Fighter

New York Tribune

Mon 6-21-48

CHICAGO, June 20 (AP).—Sugar Ray Robinson's manager said today the welter champion might be injured in the ring against Bernard Docusen tomorrow night if he reduces to the 147-pound limit a second time for the postponed cshampionship bout.

The gifteen-round fight, originally scheduled at Comiskey Park last Thursday night, was postponed because of rain. 6-21-48

"Robinson may make the weight," said George Gainford, manager, "but he'll be coming down from 150 pounds for a second time in five days and anything can happen to him in such a weakened condition.

"Just remember that Gainford is saying he isn't responsible for any injury that Robinson may suffer in this fight."

"Robinson, whose whereabouts yesterday was a mystery, was scheduled to appear on the Illinois Athletic Commission scales Monday noon to see whether he is a legitimate welterweight for his title defense against Docusen, twenty-one-year-old New Orleans swiftie. 6-21-48

It was reported Robinson was seen in New York Saturday morning in the vicinity of his tavern there. He could not be reached by telephone here, but Ganford insisted the champion was in Chicago and had a "private" workout.

Robinson appeared today at the Windy City Sporting Club for a public workout. Faintness from hunger was not apparent as the champion walked up the stairs under his own power and then did a light exercise routine.

Gainford's fear over a possible injury to Robinson may have been for the benefit of the Illinois boxing authorities, who refused the champion's demand for a waiver of a second weigh-in. Last Thursday noon Robinson had to strip down to nakedness to make the 147 poundage on the head.

The "Shoog's" pilot presumably wanted the commission to recall its troubles when Sam Baroudi was fatally injured in a tenth-round knockout by Ezzard Charles here last February.

It also may have been intended to lull Docusen into over-confidence. A fancy boxer with only two setbacks in fifty proffessional fights, Docusen never has fought anybody close to Robinson in punching ability. 6-21-48

Robinson, eyeing a possible bout with new middleweight champion, Tony Zale, has been beaten only once in eighty-eight bouts and won fifty-eight by knockouts.

Fight promoters still anticipate a 15,000 crowd and potential $100,000 gate.

Ray Robinson Posts $5,000 Guarantee

Daily World

Atlanta, Ga.

Wed. 4-14-48

CHICAGO (ANP)—Ray "Sugar" Robinson's April 21 encounter with Georgia Abrams in the International amphitheater here has been covered with a $5,000 guarantee, to insure his appearance. Robinson sent a certified check for the amount to the Illinois Athletic commission last week.

The welterweigth title previously was booked for a March 31 stand with Abrams, but asked a postponement because of a hand injury. However, some quarters insisted that Ray was trying to dodge meeting his opponent. Atlanta, Ga.

Robinson Posts More Forfeit

Constitution

Atlanta, Ga.

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Detroit Free Press 1948

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Robinson Winner In Blistering Battle

Louisville, Ky. Courier-Journal

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The Constitution

Atlanta, Ga. Tues. 6-29-48

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Docusen, heretofore beaten only twice, traded punches with the titlist and stayed on top of him until the tenth. Then he lost ground in a furious exchange just before the round ended. Robinson was punching desperately to the body and head, with the "dook" failing to make a return.

The tenth started the youngster's downfall and in the eleventh he was nailed. 6-29-48

Robinson opened that round with a vicious attack which drove Docusen into the ropes. He was unable to lash back at the champion, but suddenly managed to wriggle off the ropes and into mid ring. Then Robinson let fly with a left hook to the chin that dropped Docusen heavily. He lay motionless for seconds. Then doggedly tried to struggle to his feet. He got up at the count of nine and collided with another volley, but

HE'S BACK!—Roy Campanella, Brooklyn catcher, who came back from St. Paul last week and immediately started whaling major league pitchers. He was hitting .750 Monday and had homered twice in three days, tripled, doubled and banged out nine hits in twelve trips to the plate. He formerly caught for Baltimore in the Negro National League. Pittsburgh, Pa.

7-1-48

Zale Is Next For Him Says Ray Robinson

The Record

Columbia, S.C.

Decisions Docusen, Won't Give Up Title

Tues. 6-29-48

CHICAGO, June 29—(UP)—Ray "Sugar" Robinson, a dusky brawler whose punches with either hand pack the kick of bottled in bond, still held his welterweight boxing championship today but said he "just didn't have it" in outpointing Bernard Docusen last night.

Ray Robinson

The mauling brawler from New York, who won the title from Tommy Bell Dec. 20, 1946 and who defended it for the third time against 21-year-old Docusen of New Orleans, admitted his plight when he stepped into the dressing room.

"I just didn't have it, George," he mumbled to his manager, George Gainford, as he slumped on the dressing table. "I knew I didn't when I had him down. I didn't know I had him down until I saw him on the floor."

That was the only knockdown of the fight, but it was enough to keep the speedy Louisiana scrapper, who had lost only twice before in his 58 fight career, from taking the title.

Until Robinson unleashed a slamming right hook which floored the challenger for a nine count, it had been a nearly even brawl. Outweighed by an even pound at 145 1-2 compared to Robinson's 146 1-2, Docusen relied on speed and boxing skill to keep Ray at bay.

He kept the champion off balance with skillfull but light left jabs to the chin. Occasionally he powered through a right. But he never staggered the title holder, and that was his mistake. The Record

Ray took everything the crowding challenger could offer. Then in the 11th Robinson slashed in with both fists, and that was more than enough. From there on Docusen, groggy, managed to stay on his feet but that was all. Columbia, S.C.

Still it was a great fight. Docusen showed that sometime hence he might win the title, but probably not from Robinson. Tues

Sugar Ray, who said Docusen was "a good boxer, but not a hard hitter," has designs on a larger target.

"I'm willing to give up my championship," he said, "but not until I get a match with Tony Zale."

Zale, who recently recaptured the middleweight throne from Rocky Graziano, has been Robinson's aim for months, ever since he discovered he would have trouble staying with the 147 pound limit of the welterweight class. He had to diet for a week to make the weight for the Docusen brawl, but he did it, and he was strong enough to come on and win in the final five rounds. 6-29-48

Not Much Cash

For that he was paid 25 per cent of the gate, which grossed $46,640.24, or $8,776.97. Docusen received $7,021.37 and it was a bad night for promoters Irving Kovin and Michael Gerrard who had needed a $70,000 gross to break even on the twice-postponed show. Only 8,883 fans were in Comiskey park for the card.

Robinson Posts More Forfeit

6-24-48 Thurs.

The Constitution

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Sugar Ray Reported Overweight

Ducking Bout with 'Dook' Would Prove Costly

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Times-Picayune

BY CHARLES EINSTEIN
(International News Service)

Chicago, June 13.—Welterweight Champion Ray Robinson, the Vanishing American, must go through with his June 17 title defense against Bernard Docusen—much as Sugar Ray might like to include himself out.

It is known now that, in addition to the $11,000 forfeit fee and appearance money Robinson was forced to post before the Illinois Athletic Commission okayed the forthcoming fight, a goodly chunk of Robinson's property assets have been tied up too.

Promoter Irving Kovin lost $20,000 by sponsoring the last in an exciting series of scheduled Robinson appearances in Chicago. Robinson, supposed to fight Georgie Abrams, came down with a cold and, less than 24 hours before fight time, a group of four physicians agreed he was unfit to go on. That doesn't mean the doctors fibbed. It is just too bad Robinson forgot to come in out of the rain. New Orleans 47a

If he gets suddenly sick this time, he is quite possibly out his $11,000 which sum will be dispensed by and at the discretion of the state athletic commission in such an event. Not only that, but one more coincidental sickness may cost Robinson a chance at Tony Zale and the middleweight title. Mon. 6-14-48

Mr. Kovin and his associates, at any rate, are taking as few chances as possible. They have set up machinery whereby they can go to court and recoup their losses via claims on Robinson's property holdings, reported to be extensive, should Sugar Ray fail to show for this one.

Robinson is not entirely entranced by the prospect of meeting Docusen. For one thing, this third defense of his welterweight crown will be the first in which he is fighting strictly for a percentage, rather than a guarantee.

For another, Robinson started his Chicago workouts yesterday in sad condition.

He claimed to weigh 153 pounds, but he was weighed in strict privacy, and when he went out to spar, in the hot, muggy gymnasium atmosphere, he wore two sweatshirts. Experts at ringside insisted he was "a good 156," which means that between then and noon Thursday, which is less than five days, Robinson would have to take off nine pounds to meet weight. 6-14-48

It's said that before defending his title against Chuck Taylor in Detroit last December Robinson spent the night in a Turkish bath. Probably that is what he will have to end up doing for Docusen, and Docusen is twice the boxer Taylor is.

If the fight goes 15 rounds, that might be too bad for a strength-sapped Robinson, but there is no running out on this one. He has to show, or lose badly.

Robinson's Timely Hits Help Scuttle Pirates

The Courier - Sat. 7-3-48

Pittsburgh Pa.

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By WILLIAM G. NUNN Jr.

The Pittsburgh Pirates are still wondering what scuttled them last week when the Brooklyn Dodgers, with Jackie Robinson at the helm, were able to submerge the Steel Town boys under an avalanche of base-hits while winning both ends of an Ebbets Field doubleheader.

They say that every ball player has his day, and who am I to deny this age-old adage. But if Robinson's day last Thursday was any indication of things to come then all I can say is Brooklyn opponents look out!

In Thursday's game, Jackie became a manager's dream as he rifled out seven hits in nine official times at bat. Besides his seven hits, Jackie's only other accomplishments were: he hit a game winning home run, lashed out a deuce of doubles, drove in six runs, scored four, stole his first base of the current season and lifted his batting average from .279 to a healthy .306. Sat 7-3-48

While Jackie gathered his last six hits in succession, he probably got more kick out of his grand slam homer in the first game than any of the others.

Going into the last half of the ninth inning of the first game, with the score tied at 2-2, the Dodgers started one of those last minute rallies so characteristic of the Bums. With three men on, all the results of walks, and two out, Jackie was definitely on the spot. With Mel Queen, the Pirates' relief hurler working at his hardest, you could feel the tenseness that was gripping the 24,745 rabid Dodger fans at the game. With the count standing at one strike and one ball, Queen let go with a fast inside pitch. Jackie, rising to the occasion caught the ball on the fat end of his bat and drove it out into the left field stands, enabling the Dodgers to come out on the long end of the score. Sat 7-3-48

In the second game, which was called at the end of eight innings due to rain, Jackie had a perfect time at bat, getting four for four. In this game, two of Jackie's hits were of the extra base variety, both being doubles. His two RBI's and three runs scored played a vital role in this win also.

ROBINSON OUTPOINTS LEE

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Welterweight Champion Victor in 10-Round Non-Title Bout

The Times

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 15 (AP)—Ray (Sugar) Robinson, far from the devastating fighting machine that gained the welterweight championship two years ago, won a unanimous ten-round non-title bout decision tonight over Bobby Lee of Baltimore.

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The welterweight titleholder, fighting at 154 pounds, was listless as he let the short, stocky Lee carry the fight to him. Lee, an energetic youngster whose greatest claim to fame was a victory over Italian Livio Minelli, lost his last three bouts, but displayed nothing but disdain for the champion. Wed. 11-17-48 [illegible] N.J.

Referee Charley Daggert gave Robinson the fight seven rounds to three. Judge Harry Lasky saw it six and four while Judge Leo Costello carded six rounds for Robinson, two for Lee and two even.

The Associated Press score card showed six rounds for Robinson and four for Lee but only a late rally by the champion turned the tide.

ROBINSON TOO HEAVY; RESET NEXT MONDAY

Commercial Appeal

Docusen Must Wait For Shot At Championship

Memphis Tenn

CALLED COLOSSAL MESS

By CHARLES EINSTEIN
International News Service Sports Writer

CHICAGO, June 21.—What one admiring attorney called "the most colossal mess I've seen in 20 years at the bar" resulted Monday in the re-postponement of the Ray Robinson-Bernard Docusen welterweight title fight.

(480)

The fight, which had been scheduled for June 2, then June 17, then Monday night, now is supposed to take place next Monday night at Comiskey Park, Chicago.

Robinson, the champion, pleaded he could not go on Monday night because he was unable to get down to weight of 147 pounds, the maximum allowable under title conditions. He said he weighed 151½.

The commission then told Robinson his title was automatically forfeited. Tues. 6-22-48

No, said Robinson, his contract called for fighting June 17, which he showed up, at proper weight, to do. It was too bad it rained then, he said, but his contract didn't say anything about June 21 as a rain date.

Well, said the commission, June 21 was commission-approved as a rain date and therefore binding.

Well, said 15 different lawyers in the smoke-filled commission offices, maybe yes, maybe no.

So with one thing and another the fight is for Comiskey Park next Monday for the title. Maximum weight 147 pounds. Robinson to post bond of $5000 in addition to $11,000 already posted.

Sugar Ray's Kid

Daily Worker New York, N.Y. Wed.

Ray Robinson's dream of managing a champion after he retires from the ring is a little closer to reality today, after a young protege of his proved a sensation at the Golden Glove finals at the Garden Monday night.

"That's my boy! That's my boy!" exulted Robinson as he climbed down from the ring with young Johnny Saxton of Brooklyn after Johnny had won the open lightweight championship. Wed.

Their descent from the ring was accompanied by the sweetest of music—a thunderous ovation from a sell-out crowd of 18,577 fans who had just seen Saxton score an impressive technical knockout over "Wild Bill" Redding, Brooklyn slugger. 2-18-48

Saxton, a well-proportioned Negro kid of 17, performed as a potential professional champion while battering the Brooklyn knockout specialist into such helplessness that the referee stopped the bout at 2:26 of the second round.

"Who is this kid? Where did he come from?" reporters asked Robinson in the dressing room.

"My boy Johnny is an orphan," Robinson said. **"He's from an orphans' home in Brooklyn. He has no father or mother. He goes to a vocational high school.**

"About a year ago, he began hanging around Fred Irvin's gym in Harlem where I was doing some training." He took such an interest in boxing that I took an interest in him. I fixed it for him to learn boxing there from trainer Bill Miller, and I taught him some stuff too. I never saw a kid learn so fast or train so hard.

"I was going to adopt him, but somehow I never got around to making out the papers. But he's my boy, and he's got the makings of a champion — a professional champ." Daily Worker

Slender Ray explained that Saxton had engaged in 18 amateur bouts and had won all of them. For the past nine months he has been competing as a member of the Salem Crescent Athletic Club

When will Saxton turn professional? New York, N.Y.

"Not for another year at least. It'll be easier for him when he turns if he's had plenty of amateur experience under his belt. I had 98 amateur bouts before I turned, remember." Wed.

What does Johnny weigh now?

"About 133 pounds; but he's growing, and he may be a welter

Did Robinson intend to manage him? 2-18-48

Ray grinned and said, **"let's put it that I'll be his advisor. George Gainford, my manager, will manage him; and Bill Miller will continue to train him. If you want to know how world champions are made, just watch this kid come along."**

Daily Worker 2-24-48

WELTERWEIGHT—Ray Robinson has no logical challenger in sight. He is scheduled for non-title bouts at Toledo, Detroit and Chicago. He is negotiating for a non-title bout at London, April 25, and for a title defense against Robert Villemain of France at Paris, May 10. New York, N.Y.

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LIGHTWEIGHT—Ike Williams hopes to make on May 21 his first defense of the undisputed world title he won from Bob Montgomery last August. This defense will be staged at Madison Square Garden against the winner of an April 2nd bout between Terry Young and Paddy DeMarco—if the winner is impressive. Tues. 2-24-48

Ray Robinson To Go Out for Kayo Tonight

New York, N.Y.

P.M.

CHICAGO, June 16 (AP)—Sugar Ray Robinson, knockout winner over 58 of his 88 foes in an eight-year career, figures he also must flatten challenger Bernard Docusen tomorrow, or kiss goodbye to his welterweight crown and a shot at Tony Zale. Thurs.

Robinson, a 6 to 1 favorite at the moment, said yesterday he believed that if the 21-year-old Docusen used his dancing-master tactics for the 15-round route at Comiskey Park, the decision could go against him. 6-17-48

"Old Sam Langford had the right idea," said Robinson. "He said he carried his referee around in his pocket—his good right hand. May be my right can't stop Docusen, but I'll sure be trying with both hands."

Prime motive in Robinson's rigorous preparation for his third, and perhaps last defense (win or lose) of his welter crown, obviously is a chance at Zale's newly-regained middleweight crown.

A knockout triumph would start a steam-roller movement for a Robinson-Zale bout which conceivably could lure a record middleweight gate. If this developed, Robinson would have to relinquish his welter crown. P.M.

ROBINSON-DOCUSEN BOUT POSTPONED TO MONDAY NIGHT

The Constitution Atlanta, Ga.

CHICAGO, June 17—(AP)—**Tonight's world welterweight championship bout between Champion Ray "Sugar" Robinson and Challenger Bernard Docusen has been postponed because of rain until next Monday night, Promoter Irving Kovin announced.** Fri

Kovin said he had decided to postpone the entire card after showers fell intermittently tonight. The Robinson-Docusen bout was originally set for 10 p. m. (Atlanta time). 6-18-48

Next Monday's card will be staged at Comiskey Park, Kovin said, and the champion and contender will go through another weigh-in ceremony before the Illinois State Athletic Commission Monday afternoon.

Robinson, the 147-pound titleholder, just barely managed to make the stipulated weight when the boxers were weighed in at the offices of the Illinois State Athletic Commission at 1 p. m.

Robinson, fearful of being an ounce overweight, stripped to nakedness before stepping on the scales. The beam tipped at precisely 147 pounds. The Constitution

Docusen scaled 145½ pounds.

ROBINSON DEFEATS DOCUSEN ON POINTS

The Times New York, N.Y.

Welterweight Champion Wins 15-Round Title Fight in Chicago Baseball Park

Wed. 6-30-48

CHICAGO, June 28 (AP)—Ray (Sugar) Robinson, world welterweight champion, successfully defended his title tonight by defeating Bernard Docusen, New Orleans challenger, in a blistering fifteen-round battle in Comiskey Park, home of the Chicago White Sox.

The decision of the two judges and referee Walter Brightmore was unanimous.

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Intermittent showers all afternoon and low hanging clouds laden with rain tonight kept down the attendance. The gate was estimated at $45,000 of which Robinson received 25 per cent and Docusen 20.

Fight Started Early

The Times

The weather was so threatening that it was sprinkling when the first preliminary was started and the championship fight was started a half hour earlier than planned in an attempt to beat the threatened downpour. The rain, however, held off. New York, N.Y.

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Robinson was guilty of throwing low blows in the second round and the ninth was taken away from him becausse of another barrage that landed in foul territory. Wed.

Docusen, heretofore beaten only twice, traded punches with the titlist and stayed on top of him until the tenth. Then he lost ground in a furious exchange just before that round ended. Robinson was punching desperately to the body and head, with Docusen failing to make a return. The tenth started the youngster's downfall and in the eleventh he was nailed. 6-30-48

Driven Into Ropes

Robinson opened that round with a vicious attack which drove Docusen into the ropes. He was unable to lash back at the champion but suddenly managed to wriggle off the ropes and into midring. Then Robinson let fly with a left hook to the chin that dropped Docusen heavily. He lay motionless for seconds, then tried to struggle to his feet. He got up at the count of nine and collided with another volley, but Robinson was so leg weary and tired from the flurry he was unable to finish him.

To the surprise of the spectators, Docusen quickly lashed back at Robinson and fought him to a standstill until the bell.

From the eleventh on, Robinson was completely the master. He was dead tired and rapidly losing his speed, but he had enough experience at his command to rest in clinches and take advantage of Docusen's weakening condition.

Robinson, who scaled 146¾ to his foe's 145½ at the weighing in time at noon today, suffered a cut over the right eye in the fourteenth round from left jabs. The gash did not bother him as he continued to pile up points by drilling hard rights to Docusen's chin. 6-30-48

The challenger was completely at the champion's mercy in the fifteenth, but by that time Robinson's punches were feathery.

In the opening six-rounder, Clifton Williams, Chicago, 148½, outpointed Ted Murray, New York, 145.

The Times

Cliff Fossman, Chicago, 151, scored a technical knockout over Wild Bob Dudley, a swinger from Akron, Ohio, in the third round of their scheduled four-rounder. Dudley, weighing 148, was floored for an eight count at the start of the round and got up groggy. The referee waved him to his corner.

Ray Robinson Decisions Foe

The Advertiser Montgomery Ala.

Successfully Defends Welterweight Title With Decision

Tues. 6-29-48

By CHARLES DUNKLEY

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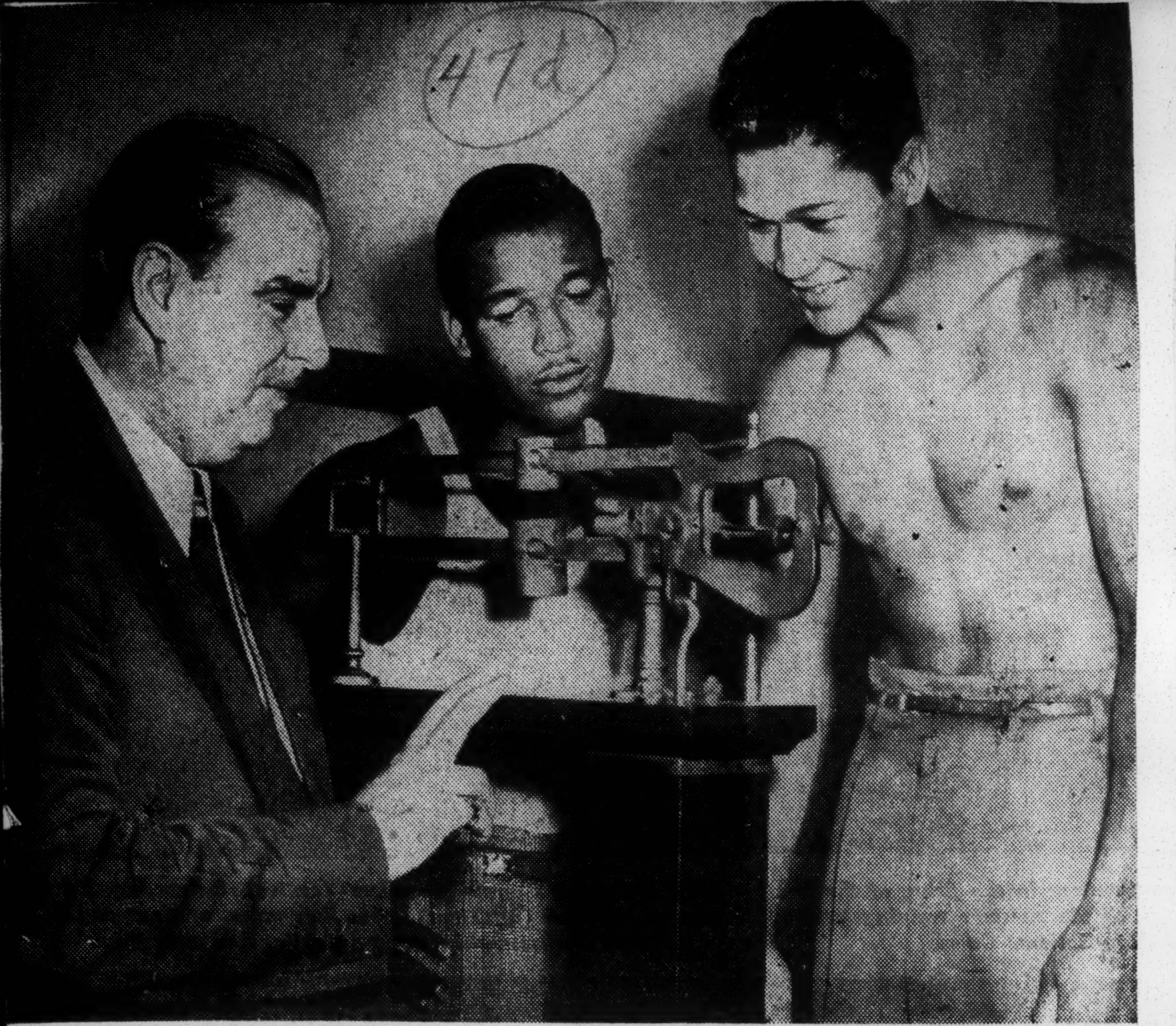

Associated Press wirephoto

WEIGHING IN FOR FIGHT: *Sugar Ray Robinson, welterweight champion, looks on as Harold Ryan, Illinois State Athletic Commission inspector, checks the poundage of Bernard Docusen, challenger, yesterday in Chicago*

Champion Scales 146½

Tues. Herald-Tribune

For Bout Twice Put Off

New York, N.Y. 6-29-48

Titleholder, 1 to 3 Favorite, Denies He Will Abdicate Throne Unless Given Chance to Fight Zale for Middleweight Crown During Summer

By Jesse Abramson

CHICAGO, June 28.—On the third try in eleven days New York's Sugar Ray Robinson, world welterweight boss, and Bernard Docusen, twenty-two-year-old New Orleans challenger, finally got into the ring in Comiskey Park tonight for their delayed fifteen-round title bout. Showers threatened under leaden skies.

To the surprise of many but not Sugar Ray, the champion weighed 146½ pounds, with all his limbs intact, in the Illinois Boxing Commission offices at noon. It was a cinch Robinson would make it, for he had $5,000 up as weight forfeit, plus $10,000 appearance forfeit. The young Filipino challenger weighed 145½.

Robinson was a 1 to 5 favorite in his third defense of the title he won ain Madison Square Garden in December, 1946, by outpointing Tommy Bell. The odds were that low only becouse of Ray's weight-making problems and his two trips to New York in the last ten days, one of them a fruitless attempt to see his pal, Joe Louis, in his last fight. Robinson weighed 147 on the nose on June 17, but the bout was postponed by rain.

No Provision for Re-Weighing

6-29-48

The champion made no effort to maintain his weight for the rescheduled date of June 21. He scaled about 151½ then. Sheldon Clark, the local Eddie Eagen, did not vacate the title, however, using threatening weather as the reason for another week's postponement. Actually there was no provision in the title contract or in the Illinois boxing rules for a reweighing in case of postponement.

Contrary to what has been printed, Robinson has no immediate intention of abdicating the welterweight throne if he beats Docusen.

"I'm going to keep the title," said Robinson, "for bargaining purposes. I have a better chance, as welterweight champion, to get a middleweight title bout with Tony Zale in September. The Tournament of Champions has an option on me up to July 15 for such a bout. When I sign for a title bout with Zale, I'll give up the welterweight championship.

"If I don't get a title bout with Zale, I'll keep the welterweight title. I'll make weight again if I have to, but I hope I don't have to."

Has Defeated Everyone

Herald Tribune

The best fighter, pound for pound, in the world, the twenty-seven-year-old Robinson was the "uncrowned" welterweight champion for years preceding his official coronation. He has beaten every man of his weight he has ever met. In eighty-eight professional bouts, he lost one to middleweight Jake Lamotta (whom he beat four times) and drew with middleweight Jose Basora. Chicago saw, or expected to see, the best rounded fighter in the business—a champion who had speed, footwork, classic punching power based on timing and accuracy, and brilliant defense.

N.Y.

Docusen, rated the best challenger, has lost only two of fifty-eight pro bouts since he was national amateur bantamweight champion in 1942. He reversed both defeats, has never been stopped. This challenger has fancy footwork which makes Jersey Joe Walcott look like a dray horse by comparison. But Docusen isn't a hitter in the same league with Sugar Ray. 6-29-48

The weather auspices for the bout were not good. Last night a two-inch rainfall drenched Chicago. The day was cloudy and sweltering. At about 4 p. m. (New York time) a brief shower hit the city. Just like New York.

Clark said every effort would be made to hold the bout—between showers, if necessary. Robinson and Docusen were told to be ready to go on early. The two postponements and the threatening weather today figured to hurt the gate. However, the promoting Windy City S. C. hoped for a crowd of 18,000 and gross receipts of $100,000, which would enable them to cover the $23,000 lost when Robinson, taken ill, pulled out of his match with Georgie Abrams last April. Herald Tribune

Rival Promoters Schedule Show

The Windy City S. C. consists of thirty-one-year-old Irving Kovin, a former dress manufacturer, who has been in the fight business two years, plus associates, including Fred Irvin, of New York. The rival concern of Irving Schoenwald and Jack Begun operated a conflicting weekly show at Marigold Gardens tonight.

N.Y.

Dr. John J. Drammis, examining physician, did not say that Robinson and Docusen were the two fittest humans he had ever seen. But they were in excellent condition, he found. Robinson had a pulse of 72, after exercise 96, with blood pressure of 114 over 64. Docusen had a pulse of 76, after exercise 98, and a blood pressure of 116 over 62. 6-29-48

Ray Worries Over Weight

Montgomery Advertiser

Sugar Boy Claims Lack Of Time Between Bouts

Tues. 6-22-48

By CHARLES DUNKLEY

CHICAGO— (AP) —The Ray "Sugar" Robinson-Bernie Docusen fight for the world's welterweight championship was postponed until next Monday night. Threatening rain and Robinson's failure to make the regulation 147 pounds forced the postponement.

The 15-round battle had been set for Comiskey Park, home of the Chicago White Sox, tonight.

Robinson, the champion, showing up half an hour late for the weighing-in, pleaded that he did not have sufficient time to regain the 147 pound notch. He said he weighed 151 1-2, but unofficially it was said he was four pounds over that figure. He refused to get on the scales, while Docusen, the boxing wizard from New Orleans, tipped an even 147.

George Gainford, Robinson's manager, agreed to post an additional $4,000 as a guarantee that the title holder will make the prescribed weight by noon, Monday. He said Robinson was 147 pounds last Thursday, when the bout was first postponed by rain. He insisted his fighter should not be required to step on the scales again. 6-22-48

Sheldon Clark, chairman of the Illinois State Athletic Commission, said the National Boxing Association rules require a boxer to weigh in a second time if the bout has been delayed more than 24 hours.

Robinson now has $15,000 posted with the commission. He previously posted $10,000 for appearance and $1,000 to make weight.

Otis Guigot, a co-manager, of Docusen, after insisting that Robinson's title should be vacated, accepted the postponement mainly because threatening weather made it doubtful if the bout could be fought. Clark refused to vacate Robinson's title, under the circumstances.

"We'd have 49 different boxers claiming it," Clark said. "It's best to decide championships in the ring." Montgomery

Clark said if the weather forced another postponement Monday, the bout could be decided at Comiskey Park, Tuesday.

"If it isn't held Monday or Tuesday, then it's off," Clark ruled. Advertiser

Robinson objected to the commission's insistence that he post an additional weight forfeit.

"Look at all the money I got up now," Robinson complained. "I don't want to fight no how if I got to raise more."

Manager Gainford. However, said he would comply with all the commission's regulations.

Robinson, Elliott And Boxing Return

Courier-Journal; Louisville, Ky.

Tues. 7-13-48

Fight Club Leaves "Doghouse" With Show At Armory Tonight

By LARRY BOECK, Courier-Journal Staff Writer.

Boxing—its virtue upheld—returns to the sports calendar tonight with the benediction of a new commissioner and a card featuring hometown hopefuls.

In the "doghouse" since May 10, when it was suspended by retired commissioner Charlie Ernst, boxing begins a new life at the Armory under a new czar—George Wetherby.

It was Wetherby who looked into the past of the Sportsman's A.C., decided the club committed no sins and revoked the suspension.

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FOUR RETURN

Four promising Falls Cities youngsters who have attracted more than passing interest renew their interrupted careers along with that of the club.

Jimmy Robinson, the lightweight buzz-saw; Charlie Elliott, the New Albany welterweight idol; Willie Johnson, the sharp punching middleweight surprise package, and Doug Medley, the generally overlooked but up-and-coming lightweight, are the hopefuls.

7-13-48

Along with the debut of Chicagoan Don Lupo, protege of Louisville fight personality Joe Paglina, they form the hometown representation in the five-fight, 36-round show.

Robinson, the shifty, clever Negro, meets Lee Bohles, Cleveland, in what is rated the main event eight-rounder. Three eights are carded.

Boasting a decision victory over Luther Burgess, who dropped a split-decision to featherweight champ Willie Pep, Robinson probably is rated the No. 1 Louisville prospect right now.

IMPROVING

Improving with every fight, he has taken that spot from Elliott.

Elliott had to vacate the slot when he was sidelined for six months with a nose injury. Now the ex-Marine mauler hopes to revive the hot-pace at which he had been traveling before the injury.

Frankie Ray, Indianapolis prospect, is his foe in the eight-round milling, which is Elliott's first fight here this year. And Ray is expected to be a competent test for the body-punching Elliott, who had a warm-up affair in New Albany last month.

Johnson mixes with Fort Knox's Benny Droll in the remaining eight-rounder.

The Negro middleweight surprised fight addicts in two sessions with Mickey Janoski, another soldier-boy, before the club's suspension.

Janoski, who had clubbed his way into the esteem of filberts, twice was decisively decisioned by Johnson, a lithe, smooth-rolling, clever young discovery.

Droll himself is touted as somewhat of threat himself. He is reported, at least, to have whipped Bruce Woodcock, over whom the British make much ado. The fight was held in London during the war.

OVERLOOKED

The top six-rounder of two scheduled finds teen-aged, durable and scrappy Doug Medley out seeking recognition. He's paired off against Charley Scott.

Medley, who can take as well as give punishment, is the ex-Kentucky amateur champion who has won 19 of 20 battles since turning professional. A clean-cut, ambitious and hard-training kid, he'll be groomed for better things, say fight club officials, if he passes this test.

Lupo, a six-foo, 130-pounder also being prepared for better Charley Scott, Lousville, in the things, makes his debut against six-round opener.

NEW JUDGE

Paglina, his overseer, incidentally, has recently been one of two new judges appointed by Commissioner Wetherby. He won't, of course do any judging when his hopeful battles.

7-13-48

The former Louisville idol, however, will be a most welcome addition for other scraps. And so will James E. Welsh, the other new judge, former St. X. football assistant coach and amateur mitt star.

Jimmy Robinson
In Tonight's Main Go.

Saddler Complete Master of Heavier Terry Young

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Baltimore Maryland

Featherweight Champion In Bruising 10th Round Kayo at New York Garden

Sat—12-25-48

NEW YORK—(NNPA)—Sharp shooting Sandy Saddler, world featherweight champion, spotted rugged Terry Young eight pounds in the dressing room at Madison Square Garden last Friday night and then stepped out into the ring and trimmed him down to his size with a beating that the referee stopped after 37 seconds of the tenth round.

When referee Eddie Joseph raised Saddler's arm in token of a technical knockout victory over Moore it marked the first time the sturdy East Side conqueror of Beau Jack had ever been halted. But while Terry was still on his feet at the bell, Sandy was as much his master as if he had been lying unconscious in the resin.

For Saddler, making his first appearance here since winning the championship from Willie Pep last October, gave Young a decisive whipping in just the kind of fight that Young excels in — a close, rough-and-tumble, free-for-all which saw both fighters more than once resort to tactics not generally regarded as sportsmanlike.

Sandy started off jabbing at Terry, a style in which he excels, but Terry was not inclined to box the evening through and he began to get in for some damaging blows at close range.

Rough and Tumble

There began then a rough and tumble battle at close range which at various times saw both fighters throwing low punches, and at one time saw Sammy take a quick look in the direction of the referee and then deliberately hook his arm around the back of Young's neck and try to shove him through the ropes.

Sat 12-25-48

These were mere sidelights, however, for from the second round on the two fighters began to punish each other in deadly seriousness with Young doing considerable damage to the champ with short body hooks and Saddler time and time again catching him with stinging lefts. Occasionally an overhand right as he came in battered Young's face into a pulp and all but closed his left eye before the end of the seventh round.

The third round was Young's best. Twice he hacked Sandy into a corner and both times he shook the lighter champion but Saddler recovered beautifully and when he came out for the fourth he was again Terry's master even when Terry resorted to some rough stuff that was more in place on the East Side than at Madison Square.

Saddler Calls Tune

In the fifth, Saddler began to call the tune. He began to follow his punishing left to Terry's face with an equally damaging right to the midsection, and at the bell he had Young helpless, although the East Sider would not go down.

In the sixth, it was the same story. Saddler hit Young almost at will and there were times when he failed to follow his advantage.

Terry was in serious trouble again in the ninth, Saddler, driving home a barrage of lefts that rocked him all over the ring but he refused to go down.

At the end of the eighth, the crowd was already beginning to ask the referee to stop it but the rugged Terry kept boring in and the punching Saddler kept dishing it out.

The ninth ended with Terry bleeding from a cut ear, his left eye virtually closed and his face a beaten pulp.

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When the tenth round sounded Sandy went back to work giving and Terry went back to his job of taking. He crashed two hard rights to Young's jaw and was set to throw another at the same place when the referee stepped in and stopped it after it was obvious to all but Terry that he was a helpless, beaten fighter. Saddler weighed 128 and Young, 136.

King Impressive

Although the champ's fight was the highlight of the evening, the bout that put the crowd of 9,801 on its feet was the one which featured Arthur King, Toronto lightweight, against Tony La Bua.

King, who is the lightweight champ of the British Empire, showed more speed and more left hands in disposing of La Bua in three rounds than has been seen at the Garden for a long time.

He floored La Bua with a straight left in the first round, slapped him down with the same left hand in the second and hit him twenty-two times with a left hand in the third before the bout was stopped.

HARLEM BATTLER KNOCKOUT VICTOR

The Times

Sat 10-30-48

Saddler Stops Pep and Gains Featherweight Laurels in Contest at Garden

New York, N.Y.

BOUT ENDS IN 4TH ROUND

La Sane Outboxes Bobby Bell and Carto Receives Verdict Over Peruvian Carrasco

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By JOSEPH C. NICHOLS

Sandy Saddler, Harlem battler, won the featherweight championship last night by knocking out Willie Pep of Hartford, Conn., in a scheduled fifteen-round fight at Madison Square Garden.

The fight ended in 2:38 of the fourth round.

A crowd of 14,000 was present. Pep weighed 125½ pounds, Saddler 124.

The referee was Ruby Goldstein, the judges Arthur Suskind and Harold Barnes.

Saddler hooked and jabbed to the face repeatedly through the first round, drawing blood from Willie's nose. The champion was wild with his punches and missed often.

Pep shot several rights to the head in the second, but Saddler advanced steadily and beat the champion to the punch several times with lefts to the face.

Pep Hits Canvas Twice

Saddler dropped Pep twice for counts of nine in the third. The first time Willie went down under a straight left to the face, and the next under a left and right to the jaw.

In the fourth Soddler ripped several rights to the head with little return. Then Sandy shot a left to the jaw and floored Pep for the full count.

The eight-round semi-final went to Jackie Weber of Pawtucket, R. I. He outpointed Johnny La Russo of the Bronx in a hard-fought battle. Weber almost floored his foe in the fifth with a left hook to the chin. The winner weighed 135, as against 135¼ for La Russo.

Harry La Sane, 131, Houston, Tex., pounded out a victory over Bobby Bell, 124½, Youngstown, Ohio, in a six-round clash. The bout was fought at a brisk pace, with La Sane's sustained punching gaining the edge.

Sat 10-30-48

Carto Punches Sharply

In the first six-rounder Nunzio Carto, 134, Philadelphia, outpointed Eduardo Carrasco, Peruvian battler. Carto punched more sharply and avoided the South American's wild counters. Carrasco weighed 132½.

Carto reached the Peruvian often in the first round with effective body punches. In the second Carrasco sent a number of light lefts to the head, but the Philadelphian brushed off the punches easily and moved in to pound the body.

They traded willingly in the third, Carrasco sending both hands to the head. His opponent responded with lefts to the face and rights to the body.

Peruvian Aggressor in Fourth

The Peruvian was the aggressor in the next session, landing several short rights to Carto's head. The latter, continuing to make the body his target, impelled Carrasco to hold a couple of times under the force of rights to the ribs.

In the fifth Carto stayed out of range of the willing Peruvian's long swings. At the same time he sent back some sharp rights to the head and body.

Carrasco tried to match Carto punch for punch in the close exchanges that marked the final round, but the Philadelphian outscored him.

In the four-round opener Tommie Collins, 125½, Boston, outpointed Lorenzo Şafora, 127, Cuba.

RING RIVALS MEET IN 10-ROUND FIGHT

New York Times

Sat 12-18-48

Saddler and Young Exchange Punches in Non-Title Bout at Garden

New York, N.Y.

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CANADIAN BOXER EXCELS

King Stops LaBua in Third of Semi-Final—Ocasio, Vingo and Carrasco Triumph

By JAMES P. DAWSON

Sandy Saddler of Harlem, holder of the featherweight title, squared off with Terry Young, rugged East Side boxer, in a ten-round non-championship fight at Madison Square Garden last night.

A crowd of 7,500 was present. Saddler weighed 128, Young 136.

Flashing a style that stamped him one of the best lightweights seen in years, Arthur King, British Empire champion, celebrated his Garden debut with a spectacular knockout in three rounds over Tony LaBua, Ozone Park, L. I., in what was to have been the eight-round semi-final.

Referee Halts Contest

Referee Johnny Burns halted this encounter after 33 seconds of the third when LaBua was helpless, being battered through the ropes, after having been the victim of two knockdowns.

King weighed 136½, LaBua 137¾.

Eddie Ocasio, Bronx middleweight, scored his sixteenth triumph in twenty-one professional ring engagements when he carried off the decision over rugged Bobby Baldwin, Englewood, N. J., in a speedy six-round battle. For Baldwin it was his fifth reverse in twenty-six pro bouts.

Baldiwn tried to concede height and reach to his rangy foe and found the imposts too great. With effective use of a right uppercut he ripped home as Baldwin tore in, and a combination left hook and upppercut he whipped to the body, Ocasio checked most of his foe's rushes. At infighting, Baldwin was superior. The difficulty was, however, there was not enough of this to overcome Ocasio's superior work at long range.

Baldwin Stronger at End

Baldwin rallied strongly through the elast two rounds, wading into his taller foe fearlessly, lashing out with both hands, in a bid for victory. A right opened a cut over Ocasio's left eye in the fifth, but the Bronxite fought on nevertheless, though his accuracy suffered in the battle's final stages. Ocasio weighed 154¾ pounds and Baldwin 154.

Eduardo Carrasco, Peruvian stablemate of Saddler, added Jay White, sturdy little Jersey City lightweight, to his list of vanquished rivals when he hammered out a decision in six interesting rounds.

Carrasco has been campaigning in this country for the last four months under the banner of Charley Johnston, who piloted Saddler to the featherweight title. The Peruvian showed improvement over his last appearance here and was an easy victor in a slam-bang battle.

Sat 12-18-48

White a Willing Mixer

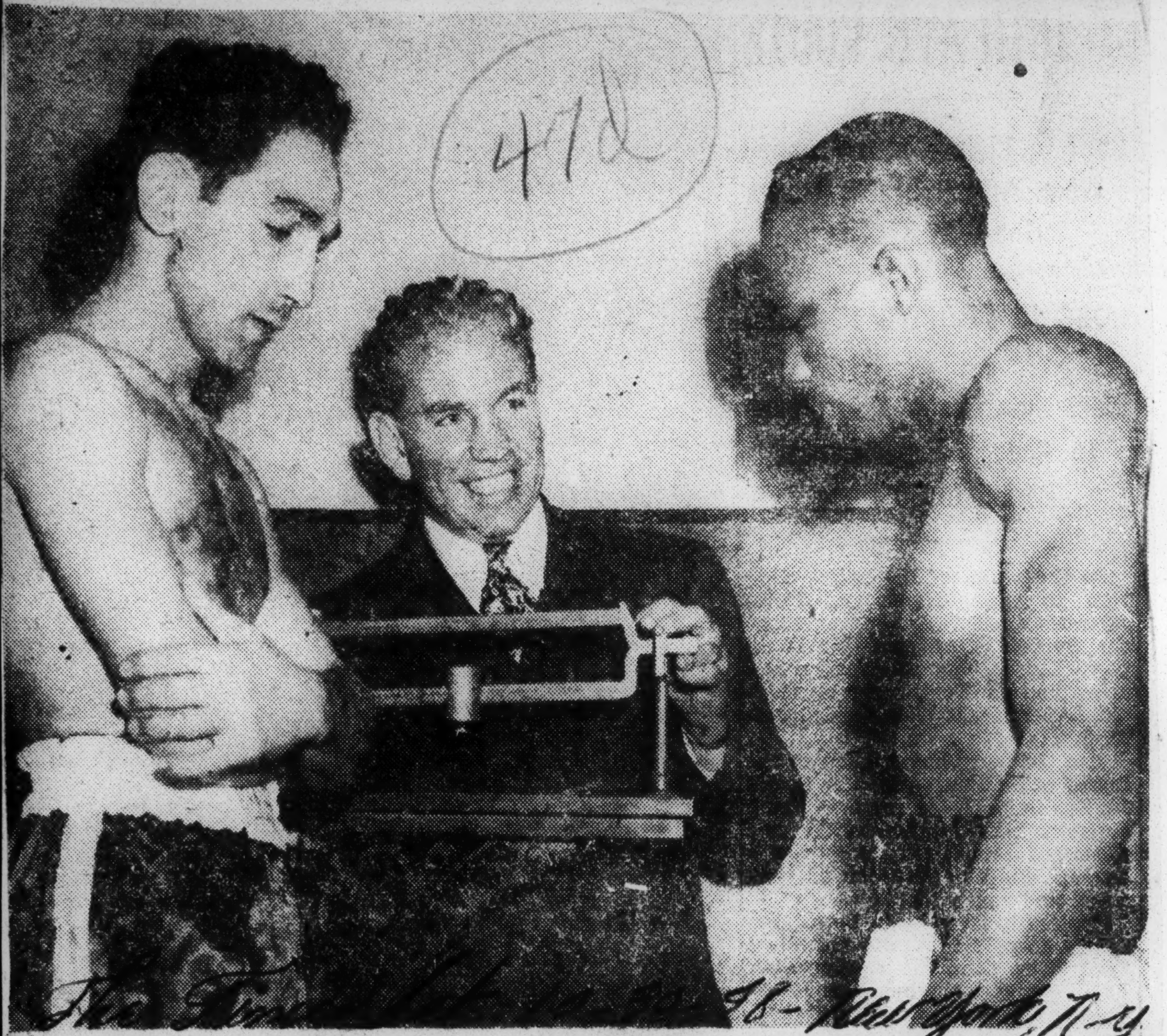
White proved himself a solid puncher and a willing mixer. But, he had a difficult target in Carrasco, who bounded in and out on the attack, lashing out with both hands to the body or head as the opportunity presented. There was the consideration, too, that Carrasco fired his punches in greater volume and with more deadly aim.

Carrasco was particularly effective with a left hook to the body, a blow he sank home often during the six rounds. In a last-round recovery with which White sought to turn the tide of battle, the rivals slugged toe-to-toe in a blazing three minutes, ad through it all, Carrasco was the more effective puncher.

Carrasco weighed 132¾ pounds and White 135.

Carmine Vingo, young Bronx heavyweight, pounded out a decision over Tom Giorgio, Paterson, N. J., in the opening bout of four rounds. Vingo's superior boxing was the deciding factor. He weighed 189½ pounds, Giorgio 183½.

WEIGHING IN FOR LAST NIGHT'S FEATHERWEIGHT TITLE BOUT



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Willie Pep, the champion, on the scales, as Sandy Saddler, the contender, and State Boxing Commissioner Eddie Eagan look on.

Associated Press

Walcott Ends Sparring Chore For His Title Fight With Louis

New York Herald Tribune

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By Jesse Abramson Mon. 6-21-48

Jersey Joe Walcott is ready for the bell that will send him out against Joe Louis in the Yankee Stadium Wednesday night in his second bid for the world heavyweight title.

The Camden challenger yesterday hung up his sixteen-ounce training gloves at his Grenloch, N. J., camp after five rounds of sparring, two against Austin Johnson, one against Curtis Sheppard and two against Cliff Dyes, a middleweight. With this tapering off session Walcott has concluded 119 rounds, a dozen more than he put in for his first fifteen round session with champion. 6-21-48

Walcott weighed 195¼ pounds after this final drill and figures to come into the ring a shade under 195. His plans call for roadwork this morning loafing the rest of the day or a spot of calisthenics if he feels like it and departure tomorrow evening for a hotel hide-out in New York.

The Champion, still the main attraction, drew one of the biggest crowds that has packed his Pompton Lakes training site. Easing off following his splurge of punching the day before, Louis sparred four rounds one each against Shamus O'Brien, McKinley English, Dick Hagan and Roy Taylor and weighed 214 pounds afterward. What punching Louis did was concentrated on the body chiefly with hooks. 6-21-48

Having sparred eighty-six rounds in eighteen days the champion will wind it up today with four more rounds. He and his entourage feel that he has reached his crest. He will coast the rest of the way.

While Louis expects "to win quick" but refrains from naming the round his associates want to stand up and be counted. Mannie Seamon, trainer and vice-president in charge of heaping abuse on the challenger, looks for a knockout in the third; Carl Nelson, Chicago detective, and close friend of the champion, picks the fourth round, and Freddie Wilson, who does the morning running with Louis, picks the eighth. Louis's personal physician, watching his daily condition looks for an early knockout. 6-21-48

Seven other outdoor boxing shows are on the local calendar this week. Paddy Demarco, tough Brooklyn lightweight, who is still too young for a championship bout, will meet Paulie Jackson, of Reading, Pa., in ten rounds at Coney Island Velodrome tonight. Its Demarcos first start since he beat Terry Young for the second time. Another ten at the Queensboro Arena tonight will bring out Rocco Rossano, Brooklyn welterweight, for the first time since Kid Gavilan belted him out in one. Rocco meets Joey Lucignano, of Hoboken. Croke Park offers Billy Graham, who has lost only three times in eighty starts, against Patsy Brandino, of Canada, in eight rounds.

Sal Ferello, New York featherweight, and Danny Martin, of Detroit, head the card at Jerome Stadium tomorrow while Al Hersh, New York middleweight, meets Nick Kashuba, of Brooklyn, at MacArthur Stadium. On Thursday Fort Hamilton has Dick Wagner against Nick Barrone in ten rounds and on Friday Ruby Kessler faces Al Labarba in a welterweight eight-rounder at Long Beach Stadium.

Challenger Says He's Really Got Louis' Number

Star

New York, N.Y.

Wed 6-23-48

In the lull before tonight's fistic storm at Yankee Stadium both heavyweight champion Joe Louis and challenger Jersey Joe Walcott radiated confidence.

"I'll get him quick," was the flat proclamation of the Brown Bomber, who insists that this 25th defense of his crown will draw the curtain on his ring career.

"I've got his number now and I'll prove it to the folks at the Stadium Wednesday night," said Walcott, the comeback campaigner who almost toppled Louis from his throne last December.

Louis, after putting in his final training licks at Pompton Lakes yesterday, announced that he felt 50 or 75 per cent better than he had for his last fight. The champion was ornamented by a black eye, not serious, a parting gift from one of his sparmates. He will break camp at 11 a.m. today and drive to New York in time for the noon weigh-in at Madison Square Garden. He expects to scale between 214 and 215 ponuds. about four more than he weighed in December.

Family to See Fight

Walcott was scheduled to motor to New York tonight from his camp at Grenloch, N. J. His wife and six children will see the fight by television at Camden. The challenger figured to approximate his weight for the last battle, 195 pounds.

Both of the 34-year-old gladiators were reported in excellent condition after the long training grind.

Louis, passing off his first performance against Jersey Joe as a "bad night" resulting from too much drying out just before the fight, promises a quick answer to the questions stemming from that debacle when he was battered to the canvas twice and retained his title only by a split and widely disputed decision. 6-23-48

Joe May Not Retire

Star

But the challenger, showing no visible fear of Louis' awesome reputation for wrecking havoc on return bout opponents, opines that the Bomber is a mechanical fighter whose precision can be disturbed by unorthodox tactics and who is always a sucker for a right hand.

Although the champion has repeatedly indicated his intention of hanging up the gloves for keeps after this match, it is believed that he will reconsider and accept, if he beats Walcott, a September outing against Gus Lesnevich. There is a return fight clause in Walcott's contract by which Louis is guaranteed a third fight if he loses the title. New York, N.Y.

When the two men signed for the return match, Walcott was, if anything, the more composed. He grinned easil ythroughout the rather tedious ceremonies and looked steadily into Louis' eyes at every opportunity. Star

Walcott, who is 34, was born Arnold Cream at Merchantville, N. J., son of Joseph Cream, a native of St. John's Island, Barbados, West Indies. This is the same birth place as that of the original Joe Walcott, who was known as the Barbodas Demon. Joe adopted the name when he began his career as a featherweight in 1931.

The challenger is a good talker, though somewhat shy. At 19, he married his high school sweetheart, who is now the mother of the six Walcott children.

"When I hang up the gloves I'm going to peddle real estate," he said recently. "I'm going to give my children the best education money can buy—real college stuff—so that they will grow up to be useful citizens."

Walcott does not smoke or drink, is a devoted Methodist, and invariably breaks training camp on Sunday mornings to attend services. Before each fight he prays for five minutes in his dressing room. New York, N.Y.

There is one other thing for which he has been praying for years—that is, a shot at the championship. Wed. 6-23-48

"My prayers were answered. Wednesday night I get my chance. If I'm beaten, I'll have no excuses," Walcott said. Star

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Columbia Record

Gus Would Go With Walcott In Title Bout

Thu. 7-15-48

BRIGHTON, England, July 15—(AP)—Gus Lesnevich thinks he and Jersey Joe Walcott should fight for the vacant world heavyweight title and never mind about an elemination contest.

The 175-pound king, who is training here for a title bout with Freddie Mills at London on July 26, feels the issue is clear cut.

"I knocked out the two top heavyweight contenders, Melio Bettina and Tami Mauriello," he pointed out. "At least, they were listed No. 1 and No. 2 when I stopped them.

"That should qualify me. Walcott was considered good enough to fight Joe Louis twice for the championship. Obviously, they thought he was the best challenger available. Columbia Record

"All right, who else is there? Ezzard Charles? I personally feel that Charles hasn't yet proved he can whip heavyweights. Elmer (Violent) Ray was the only one he ever beat who amounted to anything." '

Gus doesn't say he will not compete in an elimination. He wants the heavy crown, whatever he has to do to get it. But he doesn't think such a tournament would amount to much, for lack of good men.

"If the New York commission would swing it, and I should win, what would I be then? "He asked. "Champion of New York state — that's all. New York and the National Boxing Association would have to sanction it together to make it worth while—and when did they ever agree?"

Gus says as soon as he has polished off Mills the rush for his services can begin, and he doesn't much care who finally signs him.

Walcott Remains Heroic to Folk in His Hometown

Sat. 7-10-48 The Afro-American

Baltimore, Md.

NEWARK

Joe Louis, who retired as undefeated heavyweight champion, is getting the major share of cheers this week, but his hometown paper, the Camden Courier, has not undergone a change of heart because its favorite was rocked to sleep by the Brown Bomber.

The Courier said:

"This time there are no parades and no bands for Jersey Joe Walcott.

"Joe Louis retains the heavyweight title which so many thought Jersey Joe had earned last December. This time there can be no dispute.

"Had Walcott gambled in the third round, when he had Louis on the floor for the third time in their two meetings, he might have won. He elected to gamble not then, but later, with unfortunate result.

"But let's forget the might-have-beens. The Afro-American

Lost No Prestige

"Jersey Joe has lost no prestige in his home town and none with fans anywhere who recognize ability and good sportsmanship. His rival has been famous for his sportsmanship and dignity.

In apparent victory last December, and in defeat Friday night, Walcott showed himself at least the equal of Louis in dignity and sportsmanship, and that is the thing that will be remembered.

"Walcott has brought great and favorable publicity to himself and to Camden. He has been completely a credit to Camden. 7-10-48

"We take off our hats to the local boy who has made good. We are just as proud of him today as we were six months ago. Sat.

"Walcott twice put up a great fight against one of the greatest fighters and deadiest punchers in ring history. He stayed with him longer in their return encounter than any other rival except Bob Pastor, who also was knocked out in the 11th round.

"He appeared to have his first fight won but on the advice of his corner 'coasted' in the final round which cost him the judges' decision. Baltimore, Md.

"He appeared to have his second fight won but grew careless for an instant, and the slip was fatal.

"Floored, he struggled gamely to rise and continue. Never did he show the disposition to quit which Louis' awesome record has inspired in so many other opponents.

"It's easy writing flowery compliments about a winner. It's different writing about a loser.

"But Jersey Joe Walcott is the loser only in a secondary way.

"In our book, and in all but the tecnical sense, he has proved himself to be a real champion. In defeat as in victory, we still like him." Sat.

RING ROUNDUP—In Which the Procedure Is Reversed and You Give the Answers

By LARRY BOECK, Courier-Journal Staff Writer.

Louisville, Ky.

Whenever a heavyweight championship fight rolls around, the boys in the sports department are treated to something that has become unique—a quizz show guaranteed to award nothing but a headache. Sun.

Boxing fans, their curiosity piqued, telephone for the answers to varied and myriad questions. Some even go beyond the record book, like the gent who wanted to know if it is true that Joe Louis' parents actually were cotton pickers in Alabama or did his father really invent the soy bean? 6-27-48

This morning, let's reverse the procedure. We'll ask the questions.

Following are the most frequently asked questions during the past week by fans who telephoned seeking info on Louis. Answers are on the tag end of the column. Sun.

1—Was Louis champion when Max Schmeling knocked him out?
2—Did Louis win the championship from Schmeling?
3—Will Louis be the only other champ besides Gene Tunney to retire with the title? 6-27-48
4—How long has Louis been champ and how many times did he defend his title?
5—How did Louis win his first fight with Billy Conn and in what round did he knock Conn out in their rematch?

When Sid Peaks, the Louisville heavyweight hope, dropped a decision to Colion Chaney and then was knocked out by Rusty Payne, he blew a good chance to horn in on the championship picture. With The Bomber retiring Jersey Joe Walcott, Gus Lesnevich and Ezzard Charles lead the parade of names. And Lesnevich and Charles are lightheavies. Oh where, are the other hopes? Sun. 6-27-48

ANSWERS—1—***Louis was not champ when Scheming knocked him out in the 12th round June 19, 1936. Jimmy Braddock, who decisioned Max Baer, held the crown. 2—Louis did not take the title from Schmeling. He K.O.'d Braddock in eight June 22, 1937, for the halo. Schmeling won the crown from Jack Sharkey in 1930 on a foul. Then Sharkey decisioned Scheming in 1932. Louis K.O.'d him in one in 1938. 3—Louis will not be the only other champ, besides Tunney, to retire with the title. Jim Jeffries did in 1905. Louisville's Marvin Hart and Jack Root fought for the vacant crown, and Hart won. He was defeated the following year by Tommy Burns. 4—Louis has been champ since 1937 and has defended his title 25 times. 5—Louis K.O.'d Billy Conn in the 13th round of their first fight June 18, 1941. On June 19, 1946, he again chilled Conn—in the eighth round.*** Sun. 6-27-48

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In This Corner...

Daily Worker 6-1-48
New York, N.Y.

By Bill Mardo

Morgan's Parlay: Zale-Wolcott

Tues. 6-1-48

DAN MORGAN is a member of that thinning club of oldtimers who've been with the boxing game since the early turn of the century. He had four world champs of his own . . . the redoubtable Jack Britton fought under the Morgan aegis . . . and I might add that Dan was an established entrepreneur of the beak business when Mike Jacobs was just shilling for Rickard. As a matter of fact, when Morgan wasn't working with a few fighters of his own, Rickard used to hand him $500 and tell him to tour the woods for good-looking fighters and to bring them back

alive. That's how Maloney was found, fighting for humpty dumpty purses in and around Boston. It wasn't long after that Sharkey and Maloney were heaving at it before a huge turnout at Yankee Stadium.

Moran has seen a lot of fistic flesh come and go but he was

still like a lost voice when he picked Walcott to beat Louis last December. It threatened to become a standing joke along the Beach, **"Dumb Dan Morgan's pickin' Walcott!"** But Dan . . . and Walcott . . . had the last laugh. Daily Worker

Dan and I drove out together to Louis' camp the other afternoon, and when I asked who was his choice for the return he didn't even give it the customary cough, pause and reflective double talk typical of many alleged experts. New York, N.Y.

with his perfectly timed counters to drop any man living, although it's not an explosive punch which befogs a man and renders him helpless. . . . Tues. 6-1-48

These are the four men who've managed to drop Louis down through the years. Aside from the first Schmeling fight and the Walcott bout last year, Joe got off the floor to demolish those foes. I think this is the test of Louis' greatness, his amazing recuperativeness and staying power in his fists after having tasted another man's dynamite. Great doesn't mean abnormal . . . and the saga of the ring is full of truly great fighters who proved themselves human enough to fall down when hit solidly by another strong man. Dempsey wasn't invulnerable to the wild swinging murder in Firpo's right hand. Corbett was doubled up by Fitzimmons . . . didn't the tinier Ketchel drop the redoubtable Johnson? Gans, Greb, Atell . . . hit them right and they went down . . . but they came up too.

Would anyone deny Ray Robinson's greatness because a fistic non-entity like Artie Levine floored him for nine in Cleveland two years ago . . . or because Tommy Bell did likewise the night Ray won the crown? Daily Worker

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Walcott Next Champ-Sharkey

PM New York, N.Y.

By WHITNEY MARTIN
Associated Press Writer

Fri. 5-7-48

Jack Sharkey, a man of distinction, thinks Jersey Joe Walcott will defeat Joe Louis in their return bout next month.

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Sharkey, aside from being a former heavyweight champion, is distinguished as the only man who met both Louis and Jack Dempsey in the ring. Louis caught him in the fading days of his career and Dempsey caught him when he wasn't looking, but the results were the same. He was knocked out by each. Fri. 5-7-48

He now is a substantial citizen of Boston, a man of means instead of the mean man he was pictured to be when in his hey-day. He is a young 46, sedate and affable and proud as punch of his family. Just to give an idea how long Louis has been fighting, one of the men he fought—Sharkey—is a grandfather now.

Anyway, Sharkey's ideas on the Louis-Walcott bout might be worth considering, since he picked Walcott to win the last fight, and a lot of people still think Jersey Joe won it.

He also picked Billy Conn to

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Louis can't change

beat Louis in their first meeting, which Billy nearly did, and he also predicted Max Schmeling would defeat Louis in their first bout, which he did. 5-7-48

"Louis can fight only one way," he explains. "He can move only straight ahead. Anyone who circles and bobs and weaves gives him trouble. Fellows like Tommy Farr, and Arturo Godov. And Walcott.

"Walcott will fight the same kind of a fight he fought the last time. So will Louis, as he can't change his style now. Walcott will be in front of him, and Louis will get set. Before he can act, Walcott will move to the side, and Louis will have to stop and head in a new direction. He can't shift with Walcott. P.M.

"Louis is easily hurt, too. Most fighters when they get hit on the chin do this." Sharkey rolled a handkerchief into a cylinder, held it perpendicular, and made it sway back and forth and around, much as a boxer sways when hit on the button. New York, N.Y.

"Louis does this," he continued, and he released the handkerchief to let it fall in a limp heap. "See what I mean? He collapses all over.

"Do you know what Louis should quit right now. He'd be remembered as a great champion who defended his title 24 times, or whatever it was, and retired undefeated. He'll fight again, be defeated, and he'll be remembred as just another champion. People will say he was just the best of a bad lot and lost to the first good man he met." Fri. 5-7-48

Jersey Joe Ends Wrangle Over Terms for Rematch

The Afro American
Sat 3-6-48

Agrees to Fight Only for Jacobs If He Lifts Louis's Title in June

NEW YORK — Declaring that he already considers himself champion of the world, Jersey Joe Walcott last Friday agreed to Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis's terms and signed a contract to meet him at Yankee Stadium on June 23 for 20 per cent of the net gate and 22½ per cent of the receipts received from movies of the fight.

Baltimore Md.

Walcott actually signed four contracts for the fight which is to be sponsored by the 20th Century Sporting Club of New York, headed by Mike Jacobs.

He signed one contract to give Louis a return bout in the event that he beats the champion in their June meeting. This clause was contained in a 20th Century contract which gave 20th Century exclusive rights on his services for three years in the event he wins.

A second contract gave Walcott 20 per cent of the net gate, radio, television and motion picture proceeds.

A third contract which he signed gave him 22½ per cent of 20th Century's share of the motion picture money.

Still another contract bound Walcott for a possible third battle with Louis in September in the event Jersey Joe wins.

Louis 40%

If Walcott wins and a third battle is fought, he and Louis will split the purse on a 30-30 basis.

In the June fight Louis will receive 40 per cent of the gate and 30 per cent of income from the movie rights. Walcott had held out for a 30 per cent cut in the movie proceeds.

Jersey Joe accepted Louis's terms as he was presented the "heavyweight" championship belt by the Police Gazette before 5,000 of his admirers at Camden City Hall last Thursday night. The Gazette said Walcott beat Louis in December, and it is rating him the champion.

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Gets Ring's Belt

Accepting the belt, Walcott said he had waited 17 years for the occasion.

"I honestly believe I am champ," he declared. "If ever I won a fight, I won that one. I believe I can lick Louis any place, anytime, and welcome another chance — even at terms dictated by Louis."

Louis in London

Joe Louis is in London on an exhibition tour, but long ago established the terms and left further agreement up to Walcott, who finally agreed after much wrangling and hesitation.

The two fighters will appear before the New York Boxing Commission sometime later for formal signing of the papers and the posting of forfeitures.

Meanwhile, Walcott will go to Hot Springs, Ark., for relaxation and return East on Apr. 1, when he plans to launch a training program at the Grenloch, N.J., camp, the same spot he used as a training site for the Dec. 5 bout with Louis.

Lesnevich, Joe Walcott Sign for Bout

The Post

New York, Aug. 16 (AP)—Promoter Andy Niederreiter of the Tournament of Champions today announced the signing of Jersey Joe Walcott and Gus Lesnevich to meet in a 15-rounder at Jersey City, N. J., September 21. They will appear on the same program with the middleweight bout between Tony Zale and Marcel Cerdan.

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Niederreiter said each of the heavyweights will receive $50,000 for the bout. At the same time the promoter announced the ringside seats for the show will be $40.

Thus the Tourney of Champions, battling the Twentieth Century A. C. for the patronage of boxing fans in the metropolitan area, camp up with a big-time attraction to go with its middleweight clash.

Originally the T. of C. planned to stage a return light-heavyweight title clash between 175-pound champion Freddie Mills of England and Lesnevich, the former champ. But Mills had to back out of the fight because of head injuries.

Card Costs $270,000

Wash D.C.

Walcott's last fight was his 11-round knockout loss to Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis in Yankee Stadium, June 25. Lesnevich was dethroned by Mills in a London 15-rounder, July 26.

For the two fights alone, the fledgling promotional outfit is laying out a total of $270,000. Zale, the 160-pound king, is to get $120,000 and Cerdan, the European champion, $50,000.

Thus the stage was set for a battle royal between the two promotional groups which could result in small profit or big losses for each.

The Twentieth Century A. C. has a big show of its own scheduled for Yankee Stadium, September 22. Lightweight Champion Ike Williams will defend his crown against Jess Flores of Stockton, Calif., and Sol Strauss, acting director of the Twentieth, is working on a Ray Robinson-Kid Gavilan nontitle bout as a cofeature.

May Bump Heads Sept. 22

If it should rain on the 21st, the two shows would then battle for the fans' buck on the same night, the 22d.

The Jersey City show will not be televised, Niederreiter said, although it will be sold for radio broadcast. From $40, the T. of C.'s prices will scale down to $20, $10 and $5.

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Niederreiter's group moved into the boxing business last June when it promoted the Rocky Graziano-Tony Zale fight in Newark, N. J.

Only last Friday, the T. of C. decided to switch to Jersey City when it was advised it would not get approval for a September 23 date in Ebbets Field from the New York State Athletic Commission. The outfit has no license to promote in New York.

Joe and Gus Will Split $100,000

Detroit Free Press
Tues 8-17-48

20th Century Club Is Put on the Spot

Detroit Mich.

NEW YORK — (U.P.)—Jersey Joe Walcott and Gus Lesnevich agreed to meet in a 15-round bout at Jersey City, N. J., Sept. 21, under the sponsorship of the Tournament of Champions.

Joe Vella, Lesnevich's manager, signed the contract for the former light-heavyweight champion while Walcott will sign personally in the near future.

The bout will be part of the supporting card to the Tony Zale-Marcel Cerdan middleweight title fight.

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LESNEVICH, DESERTING the light-heavyweight ranks to compete for the heavyweight crown, originally was to have met Freddie Mills, of Britain, to whom he lost the light-heavyweight title last month.

Mills, however, pulled out of the bout because of an injury and Walcott, beaten by Joe Louis last June 25, was signed as a substitute.

For his appearance at Roosevelt Stadium, each fighter was guaranteed $50,000.

Ringside tickets were scaled at $40 each.

Jersey Joe Quickens Pace of Workouts

Detroit Free Press
Wed. 6-9-48

Walcott Knocks Down 2 Sparmates in Drills

Detroit Mich.

GRENLOCH, N. J.—(AP)—Jersey Joe Walcott scored three knockdowns as he stepped up the pace of workouts for his return bout with Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis June 23. 6-9-48

The challenger staggered Charley Robinson, 195-pound new sparmate, with a one-two and then dumped him to the canvas with a left hook. Walcott felled Austin Johnson twice in a two-round drill.

Jersey Joe also boxed Curtis Sheppard and Billy Norris during his six-round workout.

Jersey Joe Gives 5 G's To Camden Y

sey Joe Walcott answered the call for a proposed new YMCA for Negroes in Camden by handing over $5,000 to the $200,60 drive. Joe explained that as a kid he never had the chance to join the Boy Scouts or the Y, and now that he's in the gravy, he'd like to give today's children in the same fix a chance. The gift from the leading heavyweight contender will go to the erection of the new Hunton YMCA.

Walcott, Charles Shun Gus In Hopes of Title Bout Here

The Post
Mon 8-23-48

Pompton Lakes, N. J., Aug. 23. Matchmaker Gabe Menendez's efforts to land a world's heavyweight championship fight for Washington early in October, apparently were nearer realization today.

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Mendenez made a special trip to New Jersey to visit the training camps of both Szzard Charles and Jimmy Bivins, heavyweights who fight in Washington's Griffith Stadium the night of September 13.

Wash D.C.

At Charles' camp, near Pompton Lakes, Menendez learned that Andy Neidereitter, matchmaker for the Tournament of Champions, had visited Charles earlier in the day.

Neidereitter talked with Jake Mintz, comanager of Charles, and sought Charles as a replacement for Jersey Joe Walcott in a bout with Gus Lesnevich in Jersey City, September 21.

Walcott has not yet signed a contract for the Lesnevich fight, it was reported.

It developed later that Lesnevich may be compelled to withdraw from the Jersey City bout because of an injury. This further complicated the Tournament of Champions' position.

The reason given for Walcott's refusal to sign for the Lesnevich fight is that the Tournament of Champions insists on having an exclusive contract on Jersey Joe's future services.

Felix Bocchicchio, Walcott's representative, objects to this agreement.

Obviously, a tie-up with the Tournament of Champions would interfere with Bocchicchio's plan for Walcott in event the National Boxing Association approves a proposed world heavyweight championship fight in Washington in October.

Menendez plans to send the winner of the Charles-Bivins fight against Walcott for the title, if the NBA designates the October show as a championship affair.

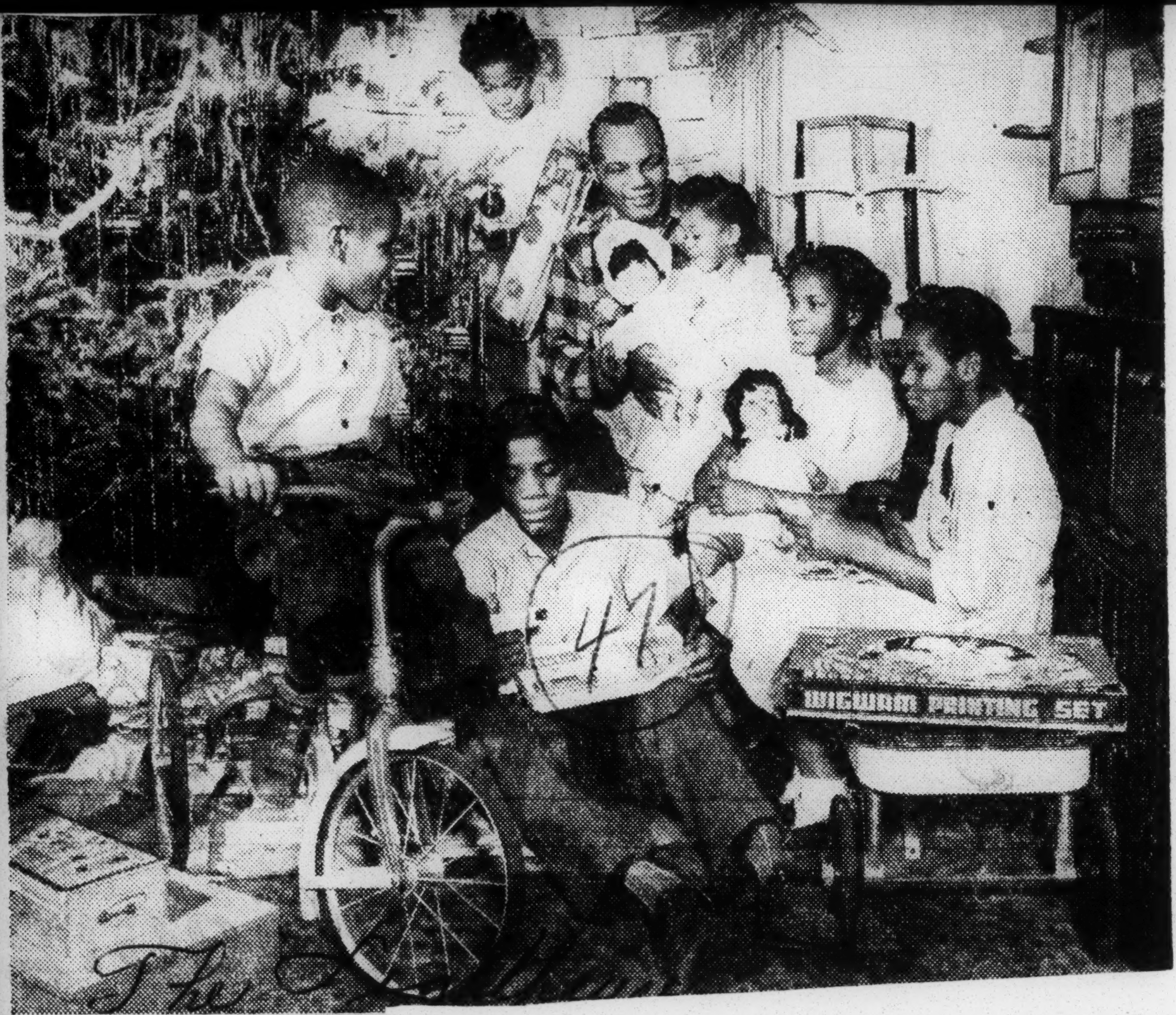
Mintz, speaking for Charles also said he had rejected the Tournament of Champions' offer because of his commitment to Menendez on the proposed championship fight.

"If the NBA gives its championship blessing to Menendez's plans, there is only one place the match will be held, insofar as we are concerned, and that is Washington," Mintz said.

Mon 8-23-48

The NBA is now conducting a poll among its members on the proposal to stage an October title fight in Washington in view of Champion Joe Louis' repeated statements that he will not fight again.

While in New Jersey, Menendez also dropped in at the Bivins camp at nearby Summit.



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The Lighthouse

A REAL CHRISTMAS FOR FIGHTER AND FAMILY—Camden, N. J.—"Jersey Joe" Walcott, famous Negro fighter, who almost became the world's champion this year, is pictured with members of his family as they opened their Xmas presents, Xmas day. Walcott, who was literally "robbed" of the title in his fight with Joe Louis, according to many fight fans, will get another chance at the title in 1948. Left to right, above, are: Vincent, 7; Elva, 12; "Jersey Joe"; Carol, 2; Ruth, 8; Doris, 10, and Arnold, 14. Mrs. Walcott, not shown, was busy in the kitchen with Christmas dinner.—(INP)

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FROM WALCOTT'S DRESSING ROOM

The Constitution

'The Referee Beat Me, Moaned Joe Walcott

Atlanta, Ga. Sat.

6-26-48

By JOE REICHLER

YANKEE STADIUM, NEW YORK, June 25—(AP)—"The referee beat me, that's what happened out there," Joe Walcott complained after being knocked out by Joe Louis in their heavyweight championship fight.

"It got so I was fighting the referee instead of Joe Louis," Jersey Joe moaned. "The ref kept hounding me, telling me to fight. 'come on make a fight of it.' he kept repeating. 'Let's have some action." The ref kept yelling 'Come on Walcott, fight.' He never said, 'Come on Louis, fight.'

"His hounding bothered me. It caused me to change my plans, my style of fighting."

Walcott thought he was ahead until he made "that fatal mistake."

"I know I made a mistake, but I don't know what it was," he said. "They tell me he hit me with everything in the book, I only remember the first one. After that I don't know what happened, except that I was on the floor. I tried terribly hard to get up, but just couldn't."

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Walcott, still dazed by the terrific battering he took in the final seconds of the 11th round, said he believed Louis was a much better fighter in their first meeting last December.

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"Louis has slipped," he asserted. "There's no doubt about it. I had him licked, referee and all. Until I made that mistake."

"Anyway," Jersey Joe added. "We're even now. I won the first one, you know, despite the official decision."

The Constitution

When informed about Louis' retirement announcement, Walcott shook his head and muttered "I hope it's not true. I'd like to meet him again. I hope Joe changes his mind about retiring and gives me another chance. I know I can beat him."

Atlanta, Ga.

Walcott said he planned to continue fighting.

"I feel fine," he said. "Joe never hurt me before that round. I'm awfully sorry that I let down all of my friends. I'm going to make it up to them, though. I'm going to fight until I win the heavyweight championship of the world. That's always been my life long ambition."

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Except for a slight cut under the left eye, Walcott did not have a mark on him.

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"One mistake did it," he repeated. "I know I made it, but I don't know what it was."

Modest, Housewifely Mrs. Joe Walcott Doesn't Want to Share in Spotlight

Afro-American Baltimore, Md.

1-3-48. Sat.

Up at 6:30 Each Morning, Goes to School With Children; Interested in Their Education

By LULA JONES GARRETT

CAMDEN, N.J. — Mrs. Arnold Cream (Mrs. Joe Walcott, to you) has a peeve against the Louis (Joe) camp, and it hasn't all to do with her husband not getting the title recently.

She isn't too bothered about the title being his officially, because, she points out, he IS the Champ to thousands. She points to stacks of fan mail which have come from Australia, Germany and South America, as well as from all parts of this country.

Her peeve is a purely personal matter.

It seems that back in the thirties Mrs. Cream was gypped out of a shopping trip by the Louis camp and thereby hangs more than one tale.

In her modest home, here, last week, Mrs. Cream giggled over the incident, but says it was no giggling matter when it happened.

When Louis was training for his fight with Schmeling, says Mrs Cream, her husband was hired as one of his sparring partners Since he would be paid $25 per day, she had figured on having at least a week's salary for a shopping trip.

But Jersey Joe got into the ring and quickly proceeded to knock Joe Louis down. He was promptly shipped away from camp.

So, instead of a week's pay. there was only a day's pay for that planned shopping trip.

Knew He Could, Says Wife

Incidentally, says, Mrs. Cream, since that time her husband has had no doubt that he could lick the Champion—if he got a chance. The trouble has been and still is, she says, getting that chance.

"He (Jersey Joe) was wearing 16-ounce gloves, too, when he scored the knock-down," exclaims Mrs Cream.

There has been of course, a lot of contention about that knockdown since, with both camps having their version of the affair.

Is Home Body

In direct contrast to the glamorous Marva, (Mrs. Joe Louis) Mrs. Cream is strictly a home person. She has little interest in sharing her husband's spotlight. Her chiefing concern is about the security of her home and her children's future.

Where Marva thrills to the applause of the crowd and has won renown for her elaborate wardrobes, Mrs. Cream does not attend fights and is definitely not a "clothes horse."

A hospitable person, in a white blouse, flat-heeled shoes and a dark skirt, she talked more of her family than of herself.

Childhood Sweethearts

The Creams were married 16 years ago when she was 17, and he 19. They had grown up together, and she had just finished high school.

Two years later their first son arrived and since then has been joined by five other little Creams. So, most of her time has been spent baby-tending.

Her youngest now 3, Mrs. Cream has picked up where she left off and is back in school. At Temple University where she is enrolled, she is training to become a medical technician.

Income Insurance

She says she is taking the course not only for self-improvement, but points out that she has six children to be educated and wants to be sure that the family income will be sufficient to meet their needs.

Just now she isn't talking in terms of big figures in income, the fight game, she points out, being what it is. She and Mr. Cream have bought another home at 1020 Cooper St., Camden.

It is not a pretentious place, but the neighborhood is an improvement on the one they now live in, she says.

The new home is an eight-room house with five bedrooms and one bath. It is a two-story brick building with a lawn.

It has a model kitchen, she points out, and they plan to improve the bath. They will use much of their present furniture, she says.

If her husband's financial fortune remains on the upgrade, their money will not be squandered, Mrs. Cream assures you. They are still driving a medium priced automobile.

Organizes Time

How does she manage to keep a home and six children running smoothly and still find time to attend classes?

"Its organization," says Mrs. Cream.

She gets up at 6:30 a.m., prepares breakfast for the family, checks the children's appearance, and they (with the exception of the baby) leave for school together.

The youngest remains at home with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Naomi Holmes, who lives with them and who also prepares lunch for those who return from school at midday

Mrs. Cream is home at 2:30 p.m before the children are out of school at 3:30. She spends her evenings in house work, study and community work.

Being the daughter of a Baptist clergyman, she still is actively engaged in church work. She is president of the Baptist Young People's Union of Calvary Baptist Church, Merchantville; sings on the choir, and is assistant advisor to the Junior Choir.

Her parents are the Rev. Jesse Talton, pastor of Mount Olivet Baptist Church, Haddonfield, and Mrs. Talton.

The oldest Cream boy, Arnold, Jr., wants to be a lawyer. This she approves.

Her second, Elva, 12, says she wants to be a nurse. Mrs Cream thinks she will be able to divert her from this course.

The other children Doris, 10; Ruth, 8; Vincent 7; and Carol, 3, are not old enough to have much thought on the matter. Though seven year old Vincent insists that he knows what he wants, he is going to be a farmer, don't farmers have horses?

Family of Music Lovers

All of the Creams like music. A fine radio, with a new table model television, dominates their present living room.

Arnold, who was busy washing windows in the family's preparation for the coming holiday, had a set of records playing.

They were of typical teen-age swing, but the record collection also contained albums of symphonic music as well as popular tunes.

Also living with Mr. and Mrs. Cream are his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cream Mrs. Holmes and her two children, Stanley, 8, and Stephen, 5.

Jersey Joe Walcott in the Money at Last

Afro-American Baltimore, Md.

Jersey Joe Walcott received $24,678 for his unsuccessful title fight with Champion Joe Louis.

Sat. 1-3-

This sum does not include Walcott's share of the radio and television rights, which may more than double his earnings. When taxes are deducted, Jersey Joe's net will be approximately $17,678.

Latest Dope: Walcott And Mills Billed

NEW YORK, July 28—(AP)—The latest dope in the heavyweight fight muddle is that Jersey Joe Walcott may go abroad to meet Freddie Mills.

Mills is the English lad who took the lightheavyweight title away from New Jersey's Gus Lesnevich on Monday and thereby scrambled the heavyweight picture worse than ever since Joe Louis' retirement.

Felix Bocchicchio, adviser to Walcott, told friends before the Lesnevich-Mills bout that if Gus won, Walcott and Lesnevich would be signed to fight in New York in September.

Columbia, S.C.

"Then we'll go abroad and fight Mills," Felix replied.

Whether this plan for Walcott, who went 25 rounds with Louis before being knocked out, will go through is anybody's guess at the moment.

Wed. 7-28-48

Sol Strauss, acting promoter of the Century Sporting club, meantime, was reported seeking Mills for a September bout here with Lee Savold, the veteran from Paterson, N. J. Savold surprised with knockouts in his last several bouts after losing much weight.

It seems everybody is getting into the heavyweight act. There's Ezzard Charles, Joe Baksi, Savold, Mills, not to mention southpaw Melio Bettina who last night knocked out Timmy O'Brien for his fourth straight victory in a comeback.

Nothing definite yet has been heard from Cleveland's Joey Maxim or Pittsburgh's Billy Conn, but it probably won't be long now.

CITED BY 'RING':

Afro American, Baltimore Md

Jersey Joe Gets New Honors in '47 Review

Sat. 1-3-48

NEW YORK—Jersey Joe Walcott was the recipient of two "special awards" as the annual review of boxing was released by Ring Magazine, recognized as the boxing Bible, last week.

The Camden heavyweight, whom many believe defeated Joe Louis in their title bout at Madison Square Garden, Dec. 5, was elevated to Class 1, along with the champion, in the Ring ratings, and was also cited for "an outstanding performance."

In the fight rankings, Gus Lesnevich was surrounded by colored challengers for his light-heavyweight title, and Sugar Ray Robinson was bracketed with a host of top-ranking welterweights of color in the 147-pound division.

The Ring ratings follow:

HEAVYWEIGHT

1. Joe Louis, Detroit, Mich. (cham-
1. JOE LOUIS, Detroit, Mich. (champion2; 2. JERSEY JOE WALCOTT, Camden, N.J.

Group 2—1, Elmer Ray, Minneapolis, Minn.; 2, Olle Tandberg, Sweden; 3. Joe Baksi, Kulpmont, Pa.; 4, LEE Q. MURRAY, Norwalk, Conn.; 5, TURKEY THOMPSON, Los Angeles; 6, Tommy Gomez, Tampa, Fla.; 7, Arturo Godoy, Santiago, Chile; 8, Phil Muscato, Buffalo, N.Y.; 9, Bruce Woodcock, England; 70, Joey Maxim, Cleveland.

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT

1. Gus Lesnevitch, Cliffside Park, N.J. (champion);), EZZARD CHARLES, Cincinnati.

Group 2—1, ARCHIE MOORE, St. Louis, Mo.; 2, BILLY FOX, Philadelphia; 3, Tommy Yarosz, Pittsburgh; 4, Freddie Mills, England; 5, LLOYD MARSHAL, Detroit; 6, Dave Sands, Australia; 7, BOB FOXWORTH, Chicago; 8, BILLY SMITH, Oakland, Cal.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

1. Rocky Graziano, NYC, (champion); 2, Tony Zale, Gary, Ind.; 3, BERT LYTELL, Fresno, Cal.; 4, Marcel Cerdan, Casablanca; 5, Jake Lamotta, NYC; 6, Steve Belloise, NYC; 7, Al Hostak, Seattle, Wash.; 8, Fred Apostoli, San Francisco; 9, MAJOR JONES, Kansas City, Mo.; 10, Anton Raadak, Chicago; 11, Jackie Darthard, Kansas City, Mo.

WELTERWEIGHT

1. RAY ROBINSON, NYC (champion). Group 2—1, TOMMY BELL, Youngstown, Ohio; 2, GENE BURTON, Chicago; 3, BERNARD DOCUSEN, New Orleans; 4, Tony Janiro, Youngstown, Ohio; 5, Johnny Greco, Montreal, Canada; 6, GEORGE COSTNER, Cincinnati; 7, Tony Pellone, NYC; 8, KID GAVILAN, Cuba; 9, Frankie Fernandez, Honolulu; 10, Tippy Larkin, Garfield, N.J.; 11, Tommy Burns, Australia

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Walcott Looks Good—Louis Bad, Sports Writers Report

Montgomery Advertiser Wed. 6-16-48

Jersey Joe Gives Three Sparring Partners Going Over

By TED SMITS

GRENLOCH, N. J.—(AP)—Jersey Joe Walcott boxed four brisk rounds yesterday, concentrating on throwing punches to the head, as he sharpened up for his world championship fight June 23 against Joe Louis in Yankee Stadium. 6-16-48

Only three more hard workouts remain before he will move into a quiet hotel in New York to await what he firmly believes is his big chance to win the heavyweight championship from Louis.

Walcott had his first partner, Austin Johnson of Atlantic City, N. J., groggy from looping rights and lefts. Against Curtis Sheppard of Baltimore, Walcott finished the round hard, taking body punches in order to hammer Sheppard's head. He followed the same program with Johnny Robinson of Pennsgrove, N. J.

In the fourth and last round of sparring, with Johnson again the partner, Walcott allowed himself to be pushed against the ropes repeatedly, apparently working on the strategy he will use against Louis. Each time Walcott came off the ropes throwing hard punches. Montgomery

Throughout Walcott showed the same fancy dance step, and continuous bobbing and weaving that so baffled Louis when they met last December.

Although obviously not working at top speed, Walcott moved effortlessly around the ring, threw hard blows when he felt like it, and at all times was master of the situation. Advertiser

Walcott's emphasis on lefts to the head indicated his reliance on this weapon against the champion. If Louis has a vulnerable spot, it is his head.

Walcott wore tights and trunks despite the sweltering weather.

Walcott Backers Encouraged By His 18 Knockdowns in Camp

Herald Tribune

But Louis, Despite Lack of Savagery in Training, Remains 5-to-13 Favorite to Retain His Title in Bout at Yankee Stadium on Wednesday

New York N.Y.

By Jesse Abramson

The heavyweight championship encore will pit a puncher against a legman in the Yankee Stadium next Wednesday night. That's Joe Louis vs. Jersey Joe Walcott in its simplest terms. Of course, you know who the puncher is. But hold on. In the argument last December, there were two knockdowns, and the man behind the punch each time was Walcott. 6-19-48

In their training for the next one, Walcott has scored eighteen knockdowns, according to the training diary of Dan Florio, and two of the dumped sparmates, Curtis Sheppard and Austin Johnson, are alleged by Florio to be the best sparmates any heavyweight ever had. How many knockdowns has the champion scored in training? The answer is none.

Nevertheless, Louis must be considered the man with the punch, on his record of twenty-one knockouts in twenty-four title defenses. Whether he can recover a semblance of his pristine power, or whether he has lost it forever is the chief point at issue to be settled Wednesday. 6-19-48

The boys on Jacobs Beach, whatever their opinion of the decision last December, disagree violently on whether Walcott is a truly dangerous puncher or just a guy with a god heavyweight wallop.

Punch Has Some Authority

Dumping Louis as he did proves there is some authority in his punch. The champion is not the hardest fellow in the world to tip over, but it still takes a forceful blow to do it.

However, those who argue that Walcott is not a dangerous puncher add that he might be if he got set. They say Walcott would be more dangerous if he threw the second punch after he landed the first, or if he threw punches in combinations. Against Louis he didn't. Sat. 6-19-48

The bettors, who aren't infallible, are saying that Louis is the better puncher of the two, regardless of what happened last Dec. 5, or in training. The champion is favored at 5 to 13. Considering what transpired in their first bout, and Walcott's evident intention of pursuing the same tactics, the odds are considered out of line, but money makes the odds.

If there's a knockout Louis is expected to score it. He's the knockout favorite at 5 to 6. If you like Walcott to do what only Max Schmeling ever did to Louis you can get 7 to 2.

6-19-48

Both Take Day Off

Both parties rested yesterday as a prelude to their final sparring sessions today and tomorrow.

Business at the box office continues to flow steadily. The receipts are approaching $700,000, Sol Strauss said, and thus far only one $10 check was made of rubber. About 10,000 seats at $50 will be placed on the Stadium field. The other $50 seats are in the mezzanine boxes. About 12,000 bleacher seats at $5 will go on sale the night of the fight, according to present plans, still announced.

~~Gus-Walcott,~~ The Past Zale-Cerdan

Thur. 8-26-48

Bouts Signed

Wash. D.C.

New York, Aug. 25 (AP).—The Tournament of Champions' four star fighters got together today at a midtown restaurant and signed contracts for their September 21 doubleheader boxing show at Jersey City, N. J.

The signing ceremony was held up for a short time until Marcel Cerdan, the French middleweight champion who meets World Titleholder Tony Zale in a 15-rounder, drove in from Idlewild Airport. Cerdan had just flown in from Paris after "a nice trip."

Cerdan and Zale exchanged pleasantries as did Jersey Joe Walcott and Gus Lesnevich, the two heeavies who will tangle in a 15-rounder on the same card.

Zale told reporters he hoped to win by a knockout in five rounds. The Frenchman expressed confidence in victory and said he planned to have the bout go beyond five rounds. He pointed out that he has gone 15 rounds twice lately, and against a much younger man than Zale.

Cerdan was referring to Cyrille Delannoit, the youthful Belgian. Cerdan lost his European crown to the Belgian and then regained it in two close fights in Brussels. Thur. 8-26-48

Abe J. Greene, president of the Natinoal Boxing Association and head of the New Jersey Athletic Commission, looked on as the batters inked their signatures

Zale will get $120,000, Cerdan, Walcott and Lesnevich each will receive $50,000.

Tomorrow the boys will hie off to their training camps to begin heavy work for the battles.

Joe Walcott Gets Ring 'Title' Belt

Afro American

CAMDEN—Jersey Joe Walcott, who gets a second crack at Joe Louis's heavyweight crown on June 23, has Ring Magazine's 20-pound world championship belt to remind him that a lot of people think he is king.

The belt, a 42-inch contraption with 11 matched one-carat diamonds in an arch, a twelfth diamond in a star, and with a fox head complete with a ruby eye, was given to Walcott on Wednesday at Convention Hall by H. H. Roswell, publisher of Ring Magazine.

Sat. 2-6-48

"Can Lick Louis"

Walcott told the crowd of 600: "I'm willing to and able to prove that this belt wasn't just given to me for show. I honestly believe I can lick Joe Louis any place, any time."

Mayor George Brunner was toastmaster at the dinner honoring Walcott and City Commissioners Frank Abbott, E. George Asron, and William C. Gottschalk were on hand to help make it official.

New Jersey's athletic commissioners, John J. Hall, Charles Coyle and Abe J. Green sent a letter picturing Walcott as the top championship contender.

To Train in N.J.

Sports figures attending included:

Baltimore Md.

Tony Galento, former heavyweight, Jim Braddock, who yielded his title to Louis; Rocky Graziano, middleweight champion; Red Cochrane, former welterweight champion; Paul Berlenbach, onetime lightweight champion; Joe Baksi, contender for the heavyweight crown; Pevey Scalzo, former featherweight champion; Abe Attell, former bantamweight; and Lulu Constantino, former featherweight champion.

Joe Webster, Walcott manager, said that Jersey Joe will go to his camp at Grenloch Apr. 1 to begin training for the encounter with Louis.

47d 1948 Jersey Joe Walcott

Scoop! Walcott Cinch To Fight Louis in June

PM New York, N.Y. 47d

Sun 1-11-48

By Jack Mahon

Scoop! Scoop! Who do you think is going to fight Joe Louis for the world's heavyweight championship at the Yankee Stadium, June 23? Winnie the Pooh? Frank Merriwell? The Bobbsey Twins?

Well, as an old bird-dog reporter who keeps right after a story until it blows up in his face, we're going to let you in on a little inside stuff. Joe's going to fight another guy named Joe that night, barring accident, atom bombs or typhoon. Man's last name is Walcott and it seems to us they fought once before, not so long ago. The resultant thunder of the champ hitting the deck not only dislodged promoter Solomon Strauss' pet earpiece but carried with electronic force to Miami where the real boss, Uncle Mike Jacobs, is trying to do two things simultaneously: Get back his health and win the daily double.

This long-winded mumble-jumble about Walcott pulling out of the June fight with Louis because he can't get more than 20 per cent of the gate is the funniest thing since *Forever Amber*. Walcott put up a great and surprising fight when he met the champ last Dec. 5 and the citizens will lay as much as 75 clams per pew on the line the next time the pair meet.

Juicy Gate In June

Estimates of a return gate start at a cool $1,000,000 and soar upward, depending upon your imagination. This is more money than Jersey Joseph or his managerial brood of manager Joe Webster and business manager Felix Bocchicchio ever dreamed of. To think that they will let this one get away from them because of a few percentage points is ridiculous.

Yet, daily, the papers are flooded with epithets from the Walcott camp: "Strauss should be hung yet," they shout. "Louis' managers are robbers." "They should thank Walcott for putting new life in the boxing game," etc., etc. You would think, to read some of these epics, that Webster and Felix (we'll skip trying to type that surname, if you don't mind) were novices in the beak busting racket.

The story which started at the Garden that December night and has been carried through reams and reams of newspaper space ever since, ended Thursday afternoon when Louis dropped into Mike Jacobs' offices and signed to fight for the 20th Century Club this June against "any opponent it selected." That's all, Jersey Joe. Take it or leave it.

If you were Jersey Joe, what would *you* do? Be idealistic, stick to your principles and all that sort of thing? Or would you forget about the few extra thousand dollars (how we toss other people's dough around!) and sign for the privilege of knocking the champ's crown off the brow on which it has rested since 1937.

That's how it's going to be. Both Joes want each other. Louis doesn't talk much but he doesn't forget. And he won't rest easy until he gets into that ring with Walcott once again.

Walcott Has A Mission

47d

Conversely, the popular Walcott, whom many believe won the December fight, is the head of a large family and will not allow this chance to insure their future to slip through his fingers. Jersey Joe, too, has a mission: to prove that that first fight was not a fluke, that he wasn't just lucky, that he can and will win the world's heavyweight title. New York, N.Y.

The current tempest in an Eighth Avenue teapot is reminiscent of the second Conn-Louis ballyhoo. Separated by a bit of a mess called World War II, this pair provided the most natural heavyweight title attraction since the Dempsey-Tunney return back in '26. Yet when it came time to sign Conn, the challenger, his manager put the chill on Uncle Mike Jacobs and practically forced him to get down on one knee to agree to terms. (There will be a slight pause while we all try and picture Mike Jacobs on one knee.) Sun 1-11-48

Anyway, as always, Mike *persuaded* Billy to be a good boy and he finally signed. Billy then *fought* Joe and got his brains knocked out. He picked up a few bucks, however, in which he had more than a passing interest. And Jersey Joe is going to do the very same thing.

Wait and see. PM

Walcott Picked for Comeback of the Year

47d PM New York, N.Y.

1-14-48 Wed

Jersey Joe Walcott, who almost dethroned heavyweight champion Joe Louis Dec. 5, staged the outstanding comeback of 1947 in the opinion of the sports editors participating in the annual Associated Press year-end poll.

The 33-year-old "pappy guy" from Camden, N. J., four times retired from the ring, earned the comeback crown by twice dumping Louis on the seat of his pants during their close 15-round scrap.

So rank an outsider that there was virtually no betting on the outcome of his fight with the Brown Bomber, Walcott established himself as the foremost contender by his surprising effort. The veteran of some 130 fights since 1931 now is in line for a slice of a probable $2,000,000 gate in June although he fought six rounds for $100 as recently as 1945.

Wed 1-14-48

Yankees Take Second

Walcott, or Arnold Cream as he is known everywhere except in the prize ring, overshadowed the fine comebacks by the Yankees, Joe DiMaggio, George McQuinn and the California football team.

The Yankees and manager Bucky Harris finished second to Jersey Joe in the poll with 48 points to 97 for the heavyweight fighter. The points were divided five for first, three for second and one for third with each editor asked to name three choices. Fifteen firsts went to Walcott and six to the Yankees and Harris.

Walcott Won't Take 20%

PM New York, N.Y. 47d

Thurs. 1-8-48

CAMDEN

Felix Bocchicchio, Camden promoter who has exclusive call on Jersey Joe Walcott's services, said last night he "would not consider" 20 per cent of the gross gate for his fighter to meet Joe Louis in a return title match in New York next June.

Regarding a statement by Sol Strauss, head of 20th Century Sporting Club, that Strauss had sent go-betweens to the "Walcott crowd," Bocchicchio said "nobody talked to me. Joe Webster (Walcott's manager), or Walcott." PM

"We're open to the best proposition, but under no condition will we agree to 20 per cent in New York," Bocchicchio said. Thurs 1-8-48

Bocchicchio said he talked twice in the past three days with Herman Taylor, Philadelphia promoter, about a Louis-Walcott match in Philadelphia next June and was "waiting on Taylor." New York

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Walcott to Cash In On Chi. Exhibition Too

Daily Worker

Wed 2-4-48

CAMDEN, N. J., Feb. 3 (UP).—Jersey Joe Walcott will make his first ring appearance since his sensational showing against Joe Louis by boxing a four-round exhibition in Chicago Feb. 12, it was announced today. New York, N.Y.

Walcott's manager, Joe Webster, said the exhibition will be held in the Coliseum, against an opponent yet to be picked. It will be staged by Harry Mendel, Chicago promoter. Wed 2-4-48

Walcott floored Louis twice in a 15-round title bout in New York last Dec. 5, but lost the decision.

WALCOTT ACCEPTS TITLE BOUT TERMS

The Times

47d New York, N.Y.

Way Is Paved for June Fight With Louis in Conference at 20th Century Club

Sat. 2-7-48

By JAMES P. DAWSON

The proposed return bout for the world heavyweight title between Champion Joe Louis and Jersey Joe Walcott is practically ready for the signing, with delivery to be made in the Yankee Stadium on the night of June 23, the Twentieth Century Sporting Club announced yesterday.

Felix Bocchicchio, Camden, N. J., promoter, who holds an exclusive contract on Walcott, waived his interests under the terms of this agreement, paving the way in the long drawn-out negotiations to the formality of signing contracts.

Capitulation of Walcott on percentage terms was announced, and as challenger Walcott has agreed to give the Twentieth Century an exclusive contract on his services in the event he wins the title.

Two Major Obstacles

These were the two major obstacles for the bout which became a natural after the battle in Madison Square Garden last Dec. 5, when Walcott not only carried Louis through fifteen close rounds, but dumped the titleholder on the ring floor twice, once for a count of seven. The Times Sat.

The disagreement with the verdict in Louis' favor after the December bout created such a demand for a return fight it was thought the second meeting could be arranged without difficulty. Not until yesterday, however, were the main obstacles hurdled. The only remaining difficulty, a difference over Walcott's share of the motion picture rights, probably will be adjusted in time for actual signing by the challenger next week. Louis signed a month ago. New York, N.Y.

Taking part in yesterday's session were Sol Strauss, acting for the convalescing Promoter Mike Jacobs, Walcott, his manager, Joe Webster, and Angelo Malandra, Walcott's legal adviser. Strauss insisted on imposing the terms which have ruled heavyweight title matches since Promoter Jacobs came to the front. These include a maximum of 60 per cent for the principals, and an agreement by the challenger to give the Twentieth Century exclusive call on his services if he wins the title. 2-7-48

Agrees to 20 Per Cent

The challenger agreed to accept 20 per cent of the purse, it is understood. Louis signed for 40 per cent.

While bowing to the "exclusive" demands by Strauss, Webster locked Louis with the promoter on the challenger's percentage of the movies, television and radio rights. Although no information was forthcoming on the subject, it is understood Walcott has asked 22½ per cent of these rights and the promoter is offering 20.

Walcott yesterday picked up a check for his share of the Dec. 5 fight pictures. Beyond describing the sum as "substantial," Strauss would not reveal the amount. It is understood, however, the draft was for a sum in the neighborhood of $50,000. Sat. 2-7-48

Walcott to Get 'World Championship' Belt

PM 2-19-48

CAMDEN

Community leaders, headed by Camden's Mayor George E. Brunner, will make a civic ceremony of the presentation of the *Police Gazette's* "World Championship" belt to heavyweight fighter Jersey Joe Walcott, Feb. 26. New York, N.Y.

Brunner said the presentation will be made in Camden's Convention Hall by H. H. Roswell, publisher of the *Police Gazette.*

The sports publication said it recognizes Walcott as the heavyweight champion despite the fact he lost a split decision to titlist Joe Louis in their Dec. bout. Thurs 2-19-48

BOXING

PM New York, N.Y.

Jersey Joe Breaks Down

Jersey Joe Walcott finally broke down and accepted Joe Louis' terms for their return bout at Yankee Stadium on June 23. The acceptance occurred at a Walcott fete in Camden on Thursday night at which Joe also accepted the *Police Gazette's* "Heavyweight Championship Belt," indicative of that magazine's feeling that Walcott really beat Louis in their first meeting. As part of the terms, Walcott agreed to give Louis a return match on a 30-30 split if he should beat the champion in June. 2-29-48

A benefit bout in Chicago in April was brewed during the week, opponents to be Ezzard Charles and somebody. Purpose of the bout is to get up some cash for the family of Sam Baroudi who died of a cerebral hemorrhage last week end after being knocked out by Charles in Chicago. Charles agreed to give $5000 of his purse to the family, a on Square Garden, apparently was born with an ulcer. He intends becoming a newspaperman when he graduates this Spring . . . 'You see the top of this door? It is six feet and two inches above the door. If they don't bump their heads when they come in I don't even bother to shake hands." So

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P.M. New York, N.Y. Sun 2-29-48

H. H. Roswell (right), publisher of the *Police Gazette*, pins his magazine's "Heavyweight Championship Belt" on Jersey Joe Walcott. Walcott signed to meet Joe Louis in June on Friday.

Associated Press Wirephoto

Walcott Making Money For Louis and Others

The Constitution Fri.

Atlanta, Ga.

47d

By PAT ROBINSON

International News Service Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Feb. 12—(INS)—Jersey Joe Walcott's true moniker is Arnold Cream. 2-13-48

We mention that again only so you will understand what Joe Louis meant when he said: "He's the cream in my coffee."

Jersey Joe is not only the cream in Champion's Joe's coffee but he also is the sugar.

Promoter Sol Strauss revealed just how much sugar the challenger will put in the champion's coffee, to say nothing of how much he'll put in his own beverage as well as Sol's and sundry others.

In revealing these facts, Sol also uncovered a few new wrinkles and angles to a title bout.

"For instance," said Sol, "when I matched Walcott with Louis nearly everybody called that the greatest mismatch in history.

"But the two fighters made more for themselves out of that indoor fight in the Garden than most heavyweight title shots ever made outdoors!

"They made more than Max Baer and Jim Braddock did when they fought for the title and more than Max Baer and Max Schmeling. The Constitution

"Believe it or not, Walcott has already made $68,000 for his end from the fight and he has another check coming to him this month and one in March. Eventually, he probably will get more than $100,000 for his end from that December battle. Atlanta, Ga.

"How? Well, in the old days we used to sell radio rights to a title fight for as little as $5,000. Today we can get from $50,000 up.

"We make a flat sale of the radio rights. Fri.

"We also make a flat sale of the television rights. But, we reserve the screen rights.

"We lease the motion picture rights for seven years and of course we get our cut for their sale all over the world.

"We pay the newsreel people to make the films. So much if the fight goes two rounds. So much more if the fight lasts longer. Then we give worldwide distribution rights. 2-13-48

"That's how it happens that the fighters continue to make big dough long after the fight is held."

Sol leaned back in a big plush chair in Mike Jocobs' old office, grinned widely and continued:

"I simply can't give Walcott more than 20 percent for his June fight with Louis in Yankee Stadium. But I can give him 20 percent of everything—the net gate receipts, the movie, television and radio rights.

"Figure that the fight draws only a million although I expect it to do better than that, and you may safely figure that Walcott will receive a minimum of $250,000 for his end.

"Remember, I said a minimum. He may make much more.

"Where else could he make that kind of dough? He hasn't signed yet but I feel sure he will. Wouldn't you for that kind of sugar?" Fri. 2-13-48

Walcott OK's Bout With Louis

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Atlanta Constitution

Atlanta, Ga.

CAMDEN, N. J., Feb. 26—(AP)—Jersey Joe Walcott Thursday night agreed to meet Champion Joe Louis in a 15-round heavyweight bout at Yankee Stadium June 23.

Walcott's attorney said a contract would be signed Friday at 2 p. m. in the New York office of the Twentieth Century Sporting Club.

Louis, prior to leaving for an exhibition tour in England, threatened to fight "anybody else" if Walcott didn't agree to terms in two weeks.

The two-week ultimatum was nearly over.

Walcott agreed to Louis' terms. His managers said "this is one fight we couldn't let go."

Jersey Joe lost a 15-round split decision to the Brown Bomber in Madison Square Garden last December. Fri. 2-27-48

The 34-year-old challenger thought he won—so sure in fact, that he demanded 30 percent of the purse in a return title go. Walcott was offered 20 percent, Louis 40.

After much haggling, Walcott finally agreed to the 20 percent figure. But then a new hitch developed—Jersey Joe wanted a 30 per cent cut of the movie rights.

New York Promoter Mike Jacobs said "no"—not a cent more than 20.

"I am going to do my best to whip that man Louis this time so they'll be no question about the winner," Walcott said. "I though I won fair and square the other time."

WALCOTT IS SIGNED FOR LOUIS REMATCH

Times

New York, N.Y.

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Challenger to Fight Only for 20th Century for 3 Years if He Lifts Title June 23

Sat. 2-28-48

With pre-match bickering at an end, Joe Louis and Jersey Joe Walcott can get down to training for a real fight. The last obstacle to a return bout between the Brown Bomber and his challenger from Camden, N. J., was eliminated yesterday when Walcott signed to meet Louis on June 23 at the Yankee Stadium.

Walcott, whose great showing surprised the boxing world on Dec. 5 when he lost a split decision to Louis after having the world heavyweight champion on the floor twice in a 15-round bout at Madison Square Garden, sat in with acting promoter Sol Strauss of the Twentieth Century Sporting Club yesterday and accepted all terms that had constituted a snag in previous discussions. The challenger will receive 20 per cent of the gate and radio and television returns, and 22½ per cent of the motion picture rights. Times

Provision for Third Bout

In addition, Walcott agreed to give another chance at the crown to Louis in the event the Jersey fighter should win. Such a third battle would provide for each fighter to receive 30 per cent of the gate. New York, N.Y.

Walcott also consented to Strauss' demand that he sign to box exclusively for Twentieth Century for the next three years if successful against Louis.

Strauss expressed confidence the June fight would draw at least a million and probably two million dollars. The acting promoter gave considerable credit to Angelo Malandra, Camden attorney, whose good offices helped considerably to get Walcott to accept terms a day before the actual signing. Sat. 2-28-48

No scale of prices was set, with the promoter awaiting Louis' return from an exhibition visit to England before deciding on that matter. The champion was notified by cable of Walcott's acceptance.

Walcott Older Than Louis

Walcott expressed himself as confident that he would dethrone the Brown Bomber. Louis cannot change his style, Walcott claims, and he adds the titleholder is still the same mechanical fighter as when Jersey Joe served as his sparring partner in 1936. Incidentally Walcott, turned 34 last month, is six months older than Louis.

The challenger will go through preliminary training at Hot Springs, Ark., and return East on April 1 to set up a permanent training camp. He now weighs 199 pounds, and plans to scale between 192 and 194 for the fight.

Walcott Opens Exhibit Tour

Daily Worker

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New York, N.Y.

CHICAGO, March 9 (UP)—Jersey Joe Walcott arrived today from Camden, N. J., for a four-round exhibition match tomorrow night with Austin Johnson.

Walcott announced he would fight a series of exhibition bouts before opening training for his match with Louis June 23 at New York. Wed. 3-10-48

"It would help a little in my training," he said. "I'll get in some road work and light boxing."

"I'll stay in Camden while the exhibition fights are arranged," he said, "and then I guess I could fight two or three times a week if the places aren't too far apart."

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Walcott

Walcott Liked Old Privacy, But Prefers Present Security

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INTERVIEW

Mon.

Jersey Joe Walcott will begin training about April 1 at Grenloch Park, N. J., for his return title bout with Joe Louis at Yankee Stadium, June 23.

As Joe made this announcement yesterday he seemed certain that negotiations for the big fight would be completed Monday.

A reporter asked Walcott if he thought Louis would be better in June than he was in December.

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Walcott fingered thoughtfully the lapels of his double-breated brown suit and answered. "He'll probably be slower; I understand he hasn't been doing any roadwork. He shouldn't let himself get fat and then try to take it all off in camp.

Did Joe enjoy the prominence that the December fight brought him? 2-9-48

"In some ways I don't. I'm a quiet fellow who likes privacy. And I don't get much privacy any more. But still, it's a whole lot better than in the old days when it was a continual scramble to get enough to eat for all of us."

SIGNING FOR RETURN BOUT WITH CHAMPION

Times, New York, N.Y.

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Sat. 2-28-48

Jersey Joe Walcott affixing his signature to contract for battle with Joe Louis at Yankee Stadium June 23. Looking on: Sol Strauss (left), fight promoter, and Angelo Malandra, attorney for Walcott.

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Newsweek - N.Y., N.Y. Mon. 3-22-48

Acme Photos

Return Engagement: *Little Robert McElroy's reaction to the size of Joe Louis's muscles made such a hit recently that he was called in to feel Joe Walcott's last week in Chicago. However awed he may have been, only 1,589 fans paid to see Walcott box an exhibition.*

In This Corner . . .

Daily Worker

New York, N.Y.

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By Bill Mardo

At L'Affaire Walcott

Mon. 3-1-48

EVER SIT IN on one of these modernized hoopla'd heavyweight championship signing? It's murder. Harry Markson put it best. **"There used to be a time away back—BEFORE my time—"** he added with a mid-30ish grin, **"when signings were much simpler. One manager would say to the other, 'My boy's the heavyweight champ. You want your boy to fight him?' 'Yeah, sure,' says the other manager. 'OK, it's settled,' says the champ's manager. 'The Polo Grounds in June.'**

"Yes, it was much better that way," Markson sighed. "Today, a fighter comes in with 11 lawyers, three managers, they all pour over 50 different contracts—why a boxing writer has to be a legal mastermind to cover the thing for his paper!"

That was the Walcott Affair at the 20th Century offices before the mob went downstairs to eat and take in the Gavilan-Williams fight. (Incidentally, one of the handlers of one of the main-eventers that night, I won't say which, was airing a different complaint. **"Why'd they have to break the Walcott signing today?"** he moaned, thinking of the next morning's headlines. **"Now my boy won't get a decent writeup even if he wins by a knockout!")**

Everybody was unhappy. The writers, photogs, radio and newsreel men because they'd been sitting around since 2 o'clock and here it was 4 already and no Walcott. The Camden challenger and his board had decided to drive in instead of taking the train and were two hours overdue. Sol Strauss paced into one office and out the other, his Big Show wasn't going off on schedule. Poor Sol, nothing works right for him. But at long last Enter Walcott. He comes in neatly outfitted in a rich camel's hair, tan gabardine suit, brown fedora and looking the picture of health. Our interview commences:

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WALCOTT SPEAKS softly, carefully, confidently. One thing becomes increasingly obvious the longer you question him. He honestly feels he beat Louis last time, is not in awe of him, and to be quite frank, doesn't seem to be overly in love with the champ. This is not any buildup for the next bout either, although it surely won't hurt to bill the return as one of those super "grudge fights."

"I'm doing roadwork three times a week right now," he tells you, "about 2½ miles a day. I shadow-box as I go along, you know."

Does he think Louis will change his style next time?

"I don't see how he can. I did the same thing to him last December that I did in that training camp back in '36. If he hasn't changed his style in 11 years, how's he going to do it between now and June?"

A slight pause, then:

"Louis is a mechanical fighter. He's been fighting one style all his life, he can't change." Daily Worker

How about himself? Has he any different battle strategy planned for the return bout? New York, N.Y.

"Well, I'll fight however my managers and trainers want me to. But I'm going to try and end it as soon as I can. I'm hoping this fight won't go the distance." Mon. 3-1-48

Obviously, Jersey Joe has little faith in the judges after being what he considers cheated of the decision last time.

What are his immediate plans?

"Think I'll go to Hot Springs for the baths and a rest—then we'll open camp at Grenloch in April."

How's that family getting along?

"Oh," he grins, **"the kids are fine, just fine. My wife is still going to school"** (Mrs. Walcott is studying to be a laboratory technician).

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AND THEN WALCOTT is whisked away to Sol Strauss' inner sanctum where all the legal documents are given the final check by Joe's lawyers and signed. Ten minutes later, the press is invited in for the stock shots of Walcott and Strauss beaming over the contracts, Walcott with pen in hand, Strauss looking over his shoulder **(the real contracts are already in the vault, friends).**

Strauss clears his throat, smiles sheepishly and radiates that perennial glow of the guy who always wanted to be a big-shot and, whoopee, now he is! Ain't it fun?

"Gentlemen of the press," Sol says, **"I have an announcement. Joe Walcott has just signed to meet Joe Louis in a professional heavyweight championship fight on the night of Wednesday, June 23, at Yankee Stadium . . . Walcott has-er-reconciled himself to the contract terms . . . and er—may the better man win!"** Strauss beams. Now come the questions. Daily Worker

How long will Walcott be tied up by 20th Century?

"I'd rather not discuss that." After a little hemming and hawing, all very cute, Strauss relents. **"Since you ask, 20th Century has a three-year exclusive on Walcott in the event he wins."**

About that return guarantee in the contract.

"If Walcott wins in June, the contract calls for a third fight

in September, 1948, with both men working on a 30-30 cut of everything." (Win or lose, Louis insists the June fight will be his last, but in boxing nothing is left to chance—Ed. Note.)

More camera bulbs pop, the newsreel men go to work, and finally Jersey Joe is yanked away to a sound-proof room a few doors away where he makes a radio recording. Let's go along.

Was there ever any doubt about the signing, Joe?

"No." New York, N.Y.

Are you satisfied with the terms of the contract?

"I'm not at all satisfied. But I had to sign to get the fight."

Joe, they say you ran away too much last time. What do you have to say about that? Mon. 3-1-48

"I thought I had 10 rounds won going into the 13th, and I didn't want to take any chance of losing at that point. But the people who say I only ran away don't know much about boxing. Louis was on the floor twice, and I'm sure it wasn't the referee who hit him."

What do you think of Louis' statement that he dried out too much before the fight?

"I think it's a pretty bad excuse. Louis defended his title 23 times before meeting me. How come after all those years he suddenly dried out too much for his 24th defense?"

Do you really think Louis will retire after June?

"When I get through with him he'll be glad to retire."

THAT'S ALL, BROTHER!

Walcott Is Bothered By Infection

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The Courier-Journal

Louisville, Ky.

Grenloch, N. J., May 25 (AP)—Jersey Joe Walcott today stopped all training for his June 23 heavyweight title fight with Champion Joe Louis because of an infected foot. Wed

"It is nothing serious," said Jersey Joe at his Grenloch Lake training camp, "but the doctor advised me to stay off my feet as much as possible for the next few days." 5-26-48

Trainer Danny Florio said Walcott apparently ran a splinter in the side of his right foot.

"We paid no attention to it, but yesterday it became infected and today he went to a doctor," said Florio. "But he'll be ready to resume road work and boxing by Thursday."

Jersey Joe tipped the scales at 198 pounds today, just three and one-half pounds more than he weighed when he almost took the title from Louis last December.

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Louis Rests Up

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Pompton Lakes, N. J., May 25 (AP)—Joe Louis took a day off today at the insistence of Trainer Manny Seamon, who said the champ weighed only 218 pounds after doing his road work. Louis expects to weigh 215 for his title defense against Jersey Joe Wolcott at the Yankee Stadium June 23. 5-26-48

Louis will box Thursday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Joe Walcott Will Fight As Ordered

PM

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New York, N.Y.

Mon 5-24-48

GRENLOCH, N. J., May 23 (AP)—big prizefight question today is what kind of style Jersey Joe Walcott will use against Joe Louis.

For their first fight Jersey Joe used a dance step with a feint that ended in slamming home hard rights.

This baffled Louis and convinced the referee and most of the crowd that Jersey Joe was the heavyweight champion of the world. The judges ruled otherwise.

Will Jersey Joe repeat his methods? Mon.

"I don't know what my plan of battle is yet," he answers. "I'm going to fight as I'm told."

"Boxing is like football," he says. "There is a captain, and a coach, and a quarterback. One guy calls the signals. I'm the guy that carries the ball. 5-24-48

"There's been a lot of credit given to me, but just like in football, the crowd never sees the guys that run the interference."

Jersey Joe Walcott Passes Physical Exam; Boxes Five Rounds

The Advertiser

Montgomery, Ala.

Fri. 6-18-48

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By JACK HAND

GRENLOCH, N. J.—(AP)—Jersey Joe Walcott passed a routine physical exam with flying colors Thursday and then sparred five dull rounds in a so-so workout for Wednesday's Yankee Stadium date with heavyweight champion Joe Louis.

The drill was not calculated to change the 13 to 5 odds favoring the titleholder.

The 34-year-old challenger weighed 197 pounds after the workout, as compared to 194 1-2 on Dec. 5 when he lost a hotly disputed decision to the bomber.

"Louis and Walcott are in equally good physical condition," said Dr. Vincent Nardiello, New York Athletic Commission physician who examined the champ Tuesday at Pompton Lakes.

"I noticed particularly that Walcott was more confident than in December," Dr. Nardiello reported. "His pulse was 60 before exercise, 84 after exercise and 110 after the workout. He is in excellent condition and could go tomorrow." Fri 6-18-48

Walcott continued to wear those long white tights that he has worn throughout his training grind of 110 rounds, puzzling many of the visiting boxing reporters. The official explanation was that Jersey Joe was trying to weight himself down so that he would feel much lighter and freer in his action for the fight. It's the same theory of a baseball player swinging two or three bats before he goes to the plate.

Jersey Joe Appears Stale in Workout

PM New York, N.Y.

GRENLOCH, N. J., June 15 (UP)—Jersey Joe Walcott appeared stale today during four rounds of sparring in preparation for his return title fight with Joe Louis on June 23. 472

Boxing men at the ringside were surprised at the challenger's lethargy. Defensively he was leaving himself open to left jabs, although none of his three sparmates threw many at him. Offensively, he was mauling instead of punching crisply as he did formerly. Wed. 6-16-48

He did manage to drop Austin Johnson of Atlantic City to one knee with a left hook, but that was no great accomplishment, for Johnson stuns easily. In his second round with Johnson, he practiced infighting while pressed against the ropes.

Walcott Manhandles Three Sparring Mates

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The Courier-Journal

Grenloch, N. J., June 3 (AP)—Jersey Joe Walcott knocked out one sparring partner and staggered another today in a brisk workout for his June 23 meeting with heavyweight champion Joe Louis. Louisville, Ky.

He refrigerated Austin Johnson in the third round with a left hook. Later, sparring with Billy Norris, he clipped the sparmate on the chin with another left and Norris' knees sagged. 6-4-48

Walcott also handled Curtis Sheppard roughly while boxing seven rounds with four men and taking three rounds of foot work. He weighed 199½, five more than his desired fighting weight. Fri.

On the Score Board

Daily Worker

New York, N.Y.

By Lester Rodney

Talking to Walcott

Fri. 6-4-48

GRENLOCH LAKE, N. J., June 3.—There were two questions I wanted to hear today: 1. Does Jersey Joe Walcott really believe he licked Joe Louis last time? and 2. Is he honestly convinced that he can lick the champ this trip, or is such talk just the automatic pre-fight stuff?

Whatever happens in the ring at the Yankee Stadium on the night of June 23rd, the two questions have been answered to my satisfaction. Joe Walcott, right or wrong, thinks he clearly and decisively beat Joe Louis and should be world champion, and, for whatever it's worth, most certainly thinks he can outbox and outfight the champ in the return match coming up.

In the living room of his little cottage in this rustic hideout, in lumberjack and high hiking shoes, the solid soft spoken Camdenite who leaped into controversial prominence from here last December answered questions carefully but freely. One thing was quickly evident in talking to him about Louis, the old awe of Louis' quick destruction prowess that previous challengers never could completely hide amid their bold words doesn't reside in Walcott. This guy has respect for Louis but no fear. He's knocked around a long time. He has six kids. He's intent. He can practically smell that world title.

He thinks he's a far better boxer than Louis and can take anything the champ has to throw.

We spoke of the first fight.

"No," he said, **"he never actually stunned me. The best punch he hit me was in the first round. Was I surprised I didn't go down? Well, no, I've always been able to take a good punch. I've been hit harder than Louis hit me in the last fight. By Gomez, by Ray, by Sheppard and Lee Murray.** Daily Worker

"I saw the pictures of that ninth round. The camera had his back and his arms were swinging away. It must look as if he were giving me an awful beating. Actually I'm rolling with those punches and hitting back inside.

"I don't think Louis can change his life-long style in a few months time," he went on, "and I know what to expect from him."

Did he share the popular opinion that Louis' wartime layoff of six years was a very tough obstacle for the champ to overcome?

Walcott shrugged, he didn't seem to want to appraise Louis the fighter except on the basis of what he had personally encountered. New York, N.Y.

"I didn't touch a glove myself from '40 to '44,' he said. 'I worked in shipyards and in construction work. When I got back into the gym it didn't take me long to get in shape. Fri. 6-4-48

"A man shouldn't have any excuses," he went on, not angrily, "this business about drying out one thing or another. We fought fifteen rounds and I can't see laying the results to any kind of excuses."

Does he hold any personal animosity toward Louis, I wanted to know, or is that just press agentry? His answer was quick and unmistakably honest.

"Joe Louis is as a grand guy personally as there is. This is a business we're in and I think I can beat him, that's all. But Joe Louis has been a truly a great champion, a great credit to boxing and certainly to his people." Daily Worker

So much for that. As for the reported belittling by Louis of his ability, and whether he thought Louis really said and meant those things. "Don't pay any attenton to that stuff. I know I have a job to do and I'm getting ready for that job. I can't do it if I worry about what he's supposed to be saying up there." 6-4-48

Does he feel good, as good as before the last fight? **"Better,"** he said. **"I believe I'm a better fighter right now than I ever was.**'

And the 34 year old family man got up, shook hands and ducked through the South Jersey rain to the building housing the indoor arena. New York, N.Y.

HE WENT five rounds, with four different sparmates alternating against him round by round. He looked sharp, with bounce, poise and two handed wallop. At one juncture he had Curtis Sheppard, ranked in the first ten heavyweights last year, reeling and groggy despite the big mitts and leather headguards. He's primarily a good boxer as a heavyweight, is Walcott, but far from a creampuff hitter.

His sparmates are pretty fair fighters on their own right who really go for him and make him fight. This is what Walcott wants. He doesn't see much point in sparring with someone who holds the rope with one hand and slaps carefully with the other—"Trapeze artists." Daily Worker

People who have been at this camp a while say he's been "working good" like this right along. **"He's liable to knock Louis out within three,"** Lew Tendler, the old Benny Leonard foe said. **"He looks stronger, surer and faster and has plenty up his sleeve,"** said "Dumb" Dan Morgan, who picked him the first time. New York, N.Y.

Truth to tell it was easy to become impressed with Walcott, anyhow the odds are likely to start coming down one of these days. Fri. 6-4-48

Ike Williams Whips Italy's Livio Minelli

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SPORTS PAGE

PHILADELPHIA — (ANP) — Ike Williams, undisputed lightweight champ, outgunned Italy's Livio Minelli in a bloody, what-held-him-up 10-round bout before 9,311 spectators here Monday night. Ike battered Minelli, the mauler from Milan, to his first defeat which brought William's winning streak to an even dozen. The champ entered the ring a 5-1 favorite and took the unanimous decision of Referee Dave Belo (7-2-1) and Judges Frank Knaresborough and Lou Tress (both 7-3).

Minelli, the stronger of the two men and the heavier (144, Ike 137) utilized a running, holding, counter-fighting style. His greatest rally came in the fifth round when he spun Ike around with a far swung right to the champ's head. Another spurt in the 9th gained the Italian very little as Ike kept him stopping punches, holding, and stopping more punches.

Minelli was hurt many times during the 10-round scramble by thundering head shots and sharp body blows.

The 5th round rally by the highly touted Italian lightweight netted him a cut left brow which definitely turned the tide of the fight in William's favor.

In his dressing room after the fight, Minelli the man who refused to go down told reporters through his interpreter that he would like to fight Williams again.

Ike Williams Takes 15-Rounds Decision Over Enrique Bolanos

Daily World

Atlanta, Ga.

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—(SNS)—More than 23,332 fight fans were still discussing the Ike Williams-Enrique Bolanos lightweight championship fight and so was Bolanos' manager, George Parnassus whose voice was ringing out with the familar cry "We Wuz Robbed" after a brawling slugfest here in Wrigley Field.

Williams won the 15-round "go" but Referee Charley Randolph called Bolanos the winner while two judges, Frankie Van and Johnny Indrisano cast their lot with the Trenton, N. J. fight sensation.

Another aftermath is that Bolanos want a third shot at Williams and may ask the California Boxing Commission to get it for him.

Still insisting "we wuz robbed" by the split decision that gave the Mexico City Challenger loss nod Parnassus said he would petition the National Boxing Association to force Williams to give Bolanos a return match.

Sat. 5-29-48

Arguments, pro and con continued to rage, but the man who made the match, Babe McCoy put it this way:

Williams is still the champ and Bolanos is a bigger hero than ever. Instead of getting knocked out he went the distance in a great fight and I think he's hotter then ever.

The Williams camp remained calmly jubliant. Ike's followers concede Bolanos put up a tougher fight than expected but they entertained no doubt their man won the fight.

The crowd of 25,332 paid attendance at Wrigley Field contributed gate receipts of $152,867, a record for outdoor boxing here. Actual division of the purse has not been completed, but Williams was due to get either a $40,000 guarantee or 40 per cent of the receipts, and Bolanos 15 per cent.

Battling Bobcat Nixes Bout With Ike For Title

Journal + Guide

Norfolk, Va.

Montgomery Has Been In Ring 8 Years Grossed $250,000

Sat. 1-3-48

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Declaring that "even the pushovers are beating me now," Bob Montgomery, former lightweight champion, turned in his gloves here last Tuesday, leaving his scheduled championship fight with Contender Ike Williams virtually "out in the cold."

Montgomery, who has been outpointed in his last two fights which were intended to serve as "warm-up" bouts prior to the clash with Williams scheduled for Feb. 20, said:

"I know I could have knocked Williams out. But I've been looking bad lately and it had me worried."

"ROTTEN FIGHTS"

Montgomery is 27 years old (the waning age for fighters) and has been in the active fighting game for about eight years. Of his actual fighting ability, the Bobcat admits:

"There's been too many rotten fights the past few months, and I've never been connected with any stink in the boxing game. My timing's off, my punches go wild too often, and it's time I quit."

Montgmery's decision to quit the fight, however, was not one of his own brilliant ideas, but was caused by the urgance of his manager, Joe Gramby, and Philadelphia fight promoter, Herman Taylor.

Sat. 1-3-48

COULDN'T "DO JUSTICE"

Taylor says, "I wanted Montgomery to quit because he couldn't do justice to himself and the fight game, and I wouldn't want him to fight if he couldn't do that.

"Bob's coordination is gone. If he kept on fighting, he'd just turn into a punching bag for the opposition."

In about 100 professional fights, Montgomery has lost "about ten," estimates Taylor, who estimated the winnings of the Bobcat in the past eight years at "more than a quarter of a million dollars—and he's got plenty of it left."

WAS TWICE CHAMP

Montgomery was twice world's lightweight champion. He was dethroned last Aug. 4 when he was knocked out in the sixth round by Ike Williams at the Philadelphia Municipal Stadium. He had knocked Williams out in the twelfth round on Jan. 25, 1944.

Montgomery's announcement of his retirement came as a distinct surprise to boxing fans. He wanted to keep the engagement with Williams because he believed fans would think he had taken a run out.

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"But I told him he was wrong," said Manager Gramby. "I told him people wouldn't think that."

HAD "NOTHING LEFT"

Gramby said he advised Montgomery to retire. "I felt he had nothing left."

The decision was reached after the fight with Angelo in Boston, in which Montgomery showed flashes of his old-time form in only the first and last rounds.

The knockout Montgomery suffered at the hands of Williams disclosed an alarming deterioration in his fighting powers. He collapsed in two minutes and 37 seconds of the sixth round before Williams' blows.

Norfolk, Va.

LOST TO MINELLI

In his first ring engagement after the Williams setback, Montgomery lost a decision to Livio Minelli here. His defeat by Angelo at Boston was his second setback along the comeback trail.

Montgomery was a product of the Diamond Belt bouts. He came here from Sumter, S. C., worked in a laundry as a youth, and fought in the first Diamond Belt Tournament back in 1936-37. Turning professional, he did not lose a fight until he dropped a decision to Tommy Spiegel in a bout for the Pennsylvania lightweight championship.

1-3-48

Four battles against Beau Jack in Madison Square Garden showed Montgomery at his best. He won two of these — the first on May 21, 1943, when he won the lightweight title. He lost the title back to Beau Jack on Nov. 19, 1943. On March 3, 1944. Montgomery came back to win a 15-round decision over Beau Jack and regain the crown.

THE WAR BOND BOUT

Their fourth Madison Square Garden bout was a 10-round non-title match on Aug. 4, 1944, while Montgomery was in the service. Arranged as a magnet in a War Bond campaign, the battle was instrumental in the sale of $36,000,000 in bonds.

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Montgomery's only reward, aside from a furlough for training, was a defeat charged against him in the record books.

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After his discharge from the Army in 1945, he risked his title successfully against Allie Stolz and Wesley Mouzon.

HAS SAVED MONEY

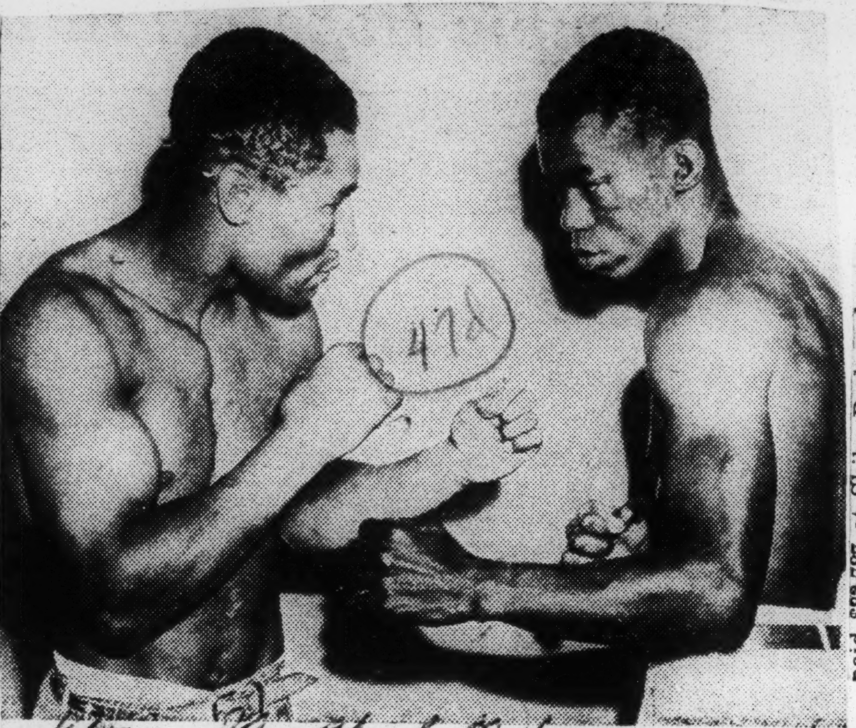
In his ten years of ring campaigning, Montgomery has earned some handsome purses and has held on firmly to the majority of his glove dollars.

He owns his home on North 17th street, and lately opened a specialty shop for his wife, Mallie, at 17th and York streets.

In addition, Bob will become a partner with Gramby in the management of a stable of fighters. The latter last Friday "cut him in" with Bill (Chicken) Thompson, a promising heavyweight, and Jimmy Sims, a hard-hitting lightweight.

Ike Williams Gets Nod Over Galivan

NEW YORK — Ike Williams, world lightweight champion, Trenton, N. J., won the unanimous 10-round decision over Kid Galivan in a non-title bout here at Madison Square Garden on Friday night Feb.



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Star New York, N.Y. Fri. 7-9-48

Lightweight champion Ike Williams (right) and Beau Jack, who fight for the title in Philadelphia Monday, do the usual squaring off after weighing-in yesterday. 7-9-48 Fri.

Weight May Stop Ike Before He Meets Jack

Star New York, N.Y.

Fri. 7-9-48

PHILADELPHIA, July 8 (AP)—Lightweight champion Ike Williams may have trouble making the weight for his 15-round title fight with Beau Jack at Shibe Park Monday night.

Both fighters exercised their right to refuse to be weighed today as Dr. Joseph I. Levy, Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission physician, gave them a thorough check-up. 7-9-48

But it was understood that Williams weighed close to 139 pounds before leaving his Grenloch, N. J. training camp this morning. Jack weighed 136 at the Christian St. YMCA, where he is working out.

The two fighters must be at 135 pounds or less at the official weigh-in Monday at noon. Each has $1500 on deposit with the Commission which will be forfeited if he fails to make the weight. His opponent will get the money. Fri.

"Let's not worry about Ike making it," said co-manager Frank Palermo. "He isn't training today so he has taken on some weight. He'll get it down in his workouts tomorrow and Saturday and will dry out Sunday. That will bring him down to 135."

No Special Report Star

Dr. Levy said there was nothing special to report on the fighters conditions except that both are in perfect health, physically and mentally. New York, N.Y.

The fighters did not speak to each other as they squared off for the benefit of the photographers. Williams appeared sullen, as he often does before a big fight, and said little. In contrast, Jack smiled and joked with bystanders. Fri.

Leon Rains, chairman of the Commission, pointed out that a proposed eight-count knockdown rule would not be in effect for the fight. The Commission has under consideration a rule that would require a fighter to take a count of eight when floored. 7-9-48

The sale of tickets for Williams' second defense of his title in seven weeks has been none too brisk, but promoter Herman Taylor said week end arrival of delegates for the Democratic National Convention will start the dollars rolling more freely. A gate in the neighborhood of $150,000 is seen.

Williams Shows Experts Wrong

BY RALPH BERNSTEIN

PHILADELPHIA, July 13—(AP)—Ike Williams finally found an opponent who didn't know what it meant to backtrack and the String Bean Kid from Trenton, N. J., used as a medium to prove he's a great lightweight champion.

Williams scored a six-round technical knockout last night over Beau Jack, windmill-swinging former shoeshine boy who sought to make boxing history by becoming the first fighter ever to win the same title three times. Each fighter entered the ring at 134 pounds.

A disappointing crowd of 12,952 paid $83,787 at Shibe Park and saw the ever-advancing Jack swarmed all over the champion in the early rounds. Williams, jabbing and counter-punch, simply waited patiently for an opening.

In the sixth, the champion caught Jack with a left hook and, battering him with countless rights and lefts, pinned him against the ropes. Ike looked to Referee Charley Daggert to stop it but he said "no."

"Keep fighting, Ike," shouted Daggert above the tumult of the crowd.

Jack wanted to fall but he couldn't and finally Daggert stepped in and called a halt after 33 seconds of the round.

The News

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THE BATTLE HAD BEEN fairly even to that point. Daggert had scored it two rounds for each and one even; Judge Frank Knarsborough carded three rounds for Williams and two for Jack, while Judge Harry Lasky saw Jack win three rounds and Williams two.

The experts had been saying Ike held his title only because he never fought an aggressive challenger. He proved them wrong in this fight. Birmingham, Ala.

Williams said he planned to continue fighting as a lightweight, discounting rumors he would campaign for Ray Robinson's welterweight diadem. 7-13-48

A beaten and dejected Jack who had no excuse for his defeat said, "Of course, I'll keep on fighting. Fighting is my life." 7-13-48

Vital statistics

WILLIAMS Champion	vs.	BOLANOS Challenger
24	AGE	23
135	WEIGHT	135
5' 8½"	HEIGHT	5' 8"
73"	REACH	73"
35½	CHEST (nor.)	35½
38	CHEST (exp.)	38½
15½	NECK	15½
14	BICEPS	14
11	FOREARM	11½
7	WRIST	7
12	FIST	11¾
30	WAIST	29
17	THIGH	17
13	CALF	13½
8	ANKLE	8¼

Ike Williams was born in Brunswick, Ga., Aug. 2, 1923; Enrique Bolanos in Durango, Mexico, Aug. 24, 1924.

Williams, managed by Frank (Blinky) Palermo, has had 100 fights, won 87, 43 by knockout. Bolanos, by George Parnassus, has had 51 fights, won 47, 29 by knockout.

Tribune

Williams won the title from Juan Zurita (who was also managed by George Parnassus) in Mexico City, April 18, 1945, got NBA recognition. On Sept. 26, 1946 he flattened Ronnie James, British Empire lightweight champion in 9 rounds; and Aug. 4, 1947, knocked out Bob Montgomery, the New York and Pennsylvania champion to become undisputed champion of the world.

Ike Gives $1,000

Ike Williams, who successfully defended his lightweight title by kayoing Beau Jack Monday night, yesterday pledged $1,000 of his purse to the U. S. Olympic Committee Fund. Until late last night there was a danger that some of the U. S. squads wouldn't go to London because of lack of funds.

Ike Williams gives $1000 to Olympic fund

Tribune

Los Angeles Calif.

PHILADELPHIA — Lightweight champion Ike Williams lent a helping hand to the hard-put U. S. Olympic finance committee here last Tuesday night by turning a $1000 of the $30,000 purse he had earned for 15 minutes work at defending his crown against Beau Jack at the Municipal stadium Monday night. 7-17-48

Soon after he had polished off two-time ex-lightweight champion Beau Jack, he handed judge Harry McDevitt, president of the Middle Atlantic AAU Ass'n, a $1000 check to be turned over to the Olympic fund, which was suffering from the shorts.

Ex-bootblack Beau Jack's 22½ percent of the gate amounted to $13,671.45.

Champion

NEIL BOXING AWARD VOTED TO WILLIAMS

New York Times

N.Y. N.Y.

Lightweight Champion Honored by Writers—Morgan to Get Walker Memorial Plaque

Ike Williams, world lightweight champion, yesterday was named winner of the Edward J. Neil Memorial Plaque by the Boxing Writers Association of New York at the organization's annual meeting. The James J. Walker Memorial Plaque was voted to Dan Morgan, venerable manager of fighters, who will be best remembered by old-timers of the sport as the pilot of the late Knockout Brown and Jack Britton, once welterweight champion of the world.

Presentation of the awards will be made Jan. 12, when the B. W. A. will hold its annual dinner at Toots Shor's. The locale for the dinner marks a departure from custom of the past, which saw the annual affair held at Ruppert's Brewery.

The Neil Plaque, named for the late boxing writer who was killed as an AP correspondent during the Spanish civil war in 1937, is awarded annually to the boxer considered an outstanding credit to the ring sport. Conduct in the ring, skill and science, infuence as a leader, sportsmanship, relations with the public and moral standards in private life are the determining factors set forth in the deed of gift.

Originally Award of Merit

The consideration governing the award of the Walker Plaque, which memorializes the late Mayor after first having been called an Award of Merit, include the activities of the recipient in behalf of boxing over a period of years in advancing the sport, and the personal example involved. Morgan, reputedly 76 years of age, through half a century or so has occupied himself with the management of boxers, as well as acting as their adviser.

The award to Williams will be the tenth to an individual since the Neil Plaque was voted Jack Dempsey when first presented in 1938. Others who have received it are Billy Conn, Henry Armstrong, Joe Louis, Barney Ross, Benny Leonard, James J. Walker, Tony Zale and Gus Lesnevich. In 1943 the plaque was awarded in the name of all boxers in the armed services.

Morgan will be the eighth to receive the Walker Plaque, which first was awarded to the late ex-Mayor in 1940 as the Award of Merit. Subsequently it was voted Gene Tunney, Nat Fleischer, the late Maj. Gen. John J. Phelan and Jimmy Johnston, Mike Jacobs and James A. Farley. No award was made in 1942. Wed. 12-15-48

More extensive discussion of plans for the annual dinner have been scheduled at a meeting of the dinner committee Tuesday. Fleischer was re-elected president. Other officers elected were: first vice president, James P. Dawson; second vice president, Jack Cuddy; treasurer, Lewis Burton; secretary, Sam Taub.

In addition to the officers, the board of directors will be composed of Al Buck, Ed Van Every, Barney Nagler, Jim Jennings, Joe Arata, Jesse Abramson and Joe Bostic. Wed. 12-15-48

Lightweight champ sued by Joe Lynch

The Tribune

Onetime promoter Richmond K. (Joe) Lynch (oftime litigant over deals that fell through on him) filed suit in the Superior court here last Tuesday against lightweight champion Ike Williams, charging breach of contract and asking for $40,000 damages.

Los Angeles Calif.

Lynch alleges that Williams' failure to go through with a bout with John Thomas last May did him out of approximately $40,000 net profit.

Ike Williams Knocks Out Buddy Garcia

The Defender

Sat 11-20-48

PHILADELPHIA—Ike Williams, world lightweight champion, weighing 140 pounds, knocked out Buddy Garcia in the first round of a non-title bout here Monday night, Nov. 8. Garcia, whose home is in Galveston Texas, was floored with a right which landed as the bell sounded ending the round.

Williams, who hails from Trenton, N. J., let go the lethal punch and Garcia went to the canvas face downwards. He was carried to his corner. When his seconds were unable to survive hm, the referee, Dave Beloff, declared Williams was the winner in the first round. Customarily, Williams would have been winner on a t. k. o in round two.

Harry Wills Here Attending Mother's Rites

New Orleans, La.
Informer
and Sentinel

NEW ORLEANS — In New Orleans last week attending the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Georgia Beulah Wills, 77, of 3925 Laurel street, was Harry Wills, outstanding heavyweight pugilist of the Jack Dempsey era.

Mrs. Wills, the pugilist's mother, died last Monday and is also survived by a daughter in this city and many grandchildren and other relatives Funeral services were held at 1 p. m. Thursday from Austerlitz Baptist church, 817 Austerlitz street, the Reverend Joseph A. Granderson, pastor, officiating; assisted by Reverend E. Perkins. Interment was in Carrollton cemetery. Sat. 2-7-48

Harry Wills, now a resident of New York, was the one heavyweight boxer during the '20s who Jack Dempsey refused to meet. Now 57 years of age Wills keeps in remarkable physical condition by a system he devised. During his career he fought the outstanding heavyweights including the immortal Langford and Luis Firpo, the South American fighter, who knocked Dempsey out of the ring into the laps of sporting writers during a heavyweight championship fight. Sat. 2-7-48

Wills received $150,000 for defeating Firpo.

Harry Wills Ends Annual Fast; Estimates He Lost Ton Of Suet

The Advertiser
Montgomery, Ala.

By HAROLD CLAASSEN

NEW YORK —(AP)— Harry Wills, boxing's black panther of 20 years ago, has just completed another of his month-long fasts. He has been avoiding food for one month in each of the last 38 years "to burn off impurities" and figures he has lost almost a ton of suet in the process.

Wills will have his first meal tomorrow since the night of March 25. He drank only water and ate no food until last Sunday. On Monday and Tuesday he drank four glasses of fruit juice. On Wednesday and today he switched to milk. Tomorrow it will be pork chops and sweet potatoes. Fri. 4-30-48

During the session just ending Wills lost 46 pounds. Before he started his private food strike he weighed 265 pounds.

"When I was a youngster I was a valet to a rich man whose heavy eating soon made him a patient in a sanitarium. Doctors said that only a fast could save him. He refused. Then the doctors and I plotted and shamed him into a fast with me. It saved his life." Wills explained.

Later Wills became a deck hand and learned to use his fists. It wasn't long before the New Orleans-born sailor became a professional boxer. That was in 1911 and he fought until the mid-thirties.

Shortly after World War I Wills was a constant challenger for the world heavyweight title but the bout with Jack Dempsey never was arranged.

"I was a good friend of Dempsey's then. I hope I still am a good friend of his," Wills said today. "It just wasn't in the cards for us to meet." 4-30-48

The record book shows that Wills had slightly more than 100 fights but he tells that "I got paid for 749 fights and I only forgot to duck twice."

He saved enough of those gate receipts to purchase a 32-family apartment house in the Bronx, living in one of the apartments himself with his wife and daughter. Wills now is 59 years old.

When on a fast, a procedure Wills doesn't advocate for others unless advised by a physician, the one-time boxer walks 12 miles each day and sleeps only four-five hours a night.

He claims the hunger pangs cease after the third day by which time he already has dropped nine pounds. After that he shrinks at the rate of two pounds a day. 4-30-48

"I do it to burn the impurities out of my system," he explains. "I never feel better than I do a few weeks after a fast." Fri.

Looking at a picture of the well-upholstered Joe Louis sawing wood at a Michigan training camp Wills commented that "if Joe would go on a scientific fast he would enter the ring the night of June 23 at 198 pounds and as hard as nails." Louis hopes to scale down to 216 for his return bout with Joe Walcott.

In This Corner...

Daily Worker

New York, N.Y.

By Bill Mardo

Ex-Champ

47d Thurs 3-11-48

I'M THROUGH with the ring he told you . . . wasn't going to hang around till some ham and egger used him for a punching bag . . . but one day last year you found him blankly walking along 49th Street, his feet and heart pulling him toward Stillman's and right then you knew the little lonely guy would be climbing into the ring again . . . in the small club circuit where the magic of an ex-champ's name still figured to draw them in. . . .

The little guy with the punched-in nose had the soft voice of a choir boy when he spoke . . . and it always pulled you up short because in the ring he was cold steel . . a scientific puncher who hit like a piston . . . short and true, never wasting any . . . stalking, spitting and snorting through his bashed up beak. He first saw the light of day in Durango, Mexico 40 years ago but funny thing was he never got hot till late in his fistic life . . . when he was 34 or so, under new management and with the real matches finally being made for him he came east to belt out Harry Jeffra for the title. He lost it later that year to the young Willie Pep who had the speed and brilliance to make an old man feel his age. . .

But even then Albert "Chalky" Wright was a pleasure to watch. And one fight I'll never forget. A tough young kid from the Bronx was running up a string of wins and they figured to build him into a title go with Pep by using Chalky Wright for a sitting duck. Well, old Chalky crossed them up at the Garden that night. This was no Pep he was facing . . . just a bullish brawler who liked to come in and climb all over you. Oh it was a perfet set-up for the old geezer who asked nothing more than for someone to come into him so he could save his creaking legs. With 20 years of savvy at his disposal what Chalky did to Terranova that night was a classic. . . . Played with him on the inside, tied him up and drained the youth from his arms in those vise-like grips . . . and then, in the fifth frame, just walked out to midring, motioned the kid in, whipped over a short right and back in the dressing room he told you with a sly grin that old Chalky could still handle the likes of that kind. . . .

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They tried another "comer" on him two years later . . . a busy little Mexican named Humberto Zavala and Chalky made a monkey out of him for ten rounds. But that was the last good year for him . . you can kid the man with the scythe for so long and no longer . . . what had happened to his legs a few years earlier now gripped him in they "eyes" of the boxing business—a man's coordination and ability to see punches coming at him—and in '46 some third-rater named Frankie Moore kayoed him in one at Oakland . . . he lost four more in a row . . . and then Willie Pep met him for the third time in Milwaukee and this time Willie didn't bother staying away, he just went into the old man and starched him in three. . . .

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Daily Worker

You remember all this and more too . . . how a few summers ago he came up to Camp Unity with you because he had to see this place where Negro and white ate and played together . . . where Jimcrow had no more place than did some fourth-rate prelimmer in the same ring with Chalky when he was going good . . . the excitement in the Camp when word got around that Chalky Wright was spending his vacation there . . . now they rushed over to him in the dining room to shake his hand and Chalky felt . . . well . . . he was at home.

Yes all this comes back to a friend of his scanning the U. P. sports wire and suddenly coming across a tiny item from Salt Lake City . . . about a guy who took a razzing from the fans because he refused to come out for the third round of his fight with someone named Ernie Hunick. This guy got hit hard under the heart late in the second round and he could barely breath going back to his corner. . . . So they gave Hunick credit for a two-round kayo over Chalky Wright.

New York, N.Y.

A friend of his is glad Chalky didn't answer the third bell . . . glad that his name hasn't yet been added to the Baroudis and Doyles and DeCaturs . . . but a writer checking the U. P. wire copy is also sad.

Thurs 3-11-48

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CIO News Washington, D.C

UAW BOWLING TOURNEY: Olga Madar, recreation director, CIO United Auto Workers (left) talks over the All Americans Bowling Tournament sponsored by the UAW recently in Detroit with (left to right) Lillian Hatcher, Betty Hicks and Mildred Jeffrey of the UAW's Fair Practices and Anti-Discrimination Dept. More than 700 men and women took part in this tournament, open to all bowlers without regard to race.

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curney To Make UAW Bowling ports History

World 47c

Atlanta, Ga Sat.

1-10-48

A bowling proprietor who be-eves in democracy, Herman Fen-n, and the Recreation Department of the UW-CIO, headed by irector Olga M. Madar, will be making sports history from April to May 2, when the precedent-breaking UAW-sponsored International Bowling Championships are decided at Fenton's Dexter Recreation in Detroit.

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"We of the UAW believe that the only qualification an American citizen should be required to meet for a national or international championship is that he or she have an established bowling average," declared Recreation Di-ector Madar. "We have appealed to the American Bowling Congress in the past to eliminate the discriminatory clause in its constitution which limits participation in bowling championships to Caucasians. The ABC has consistently refused to become the democratic organization it claims itself to be. We are now taking our alternative. We are sponsoring a championship for all bowlers because we believe t is necessary for some group to take the lead in conducting democratic bowling competition." Daily World

Tournament Secretaries John D'Agostino and Jess Corona released prize lists for the International Tournament this week. Guaranteed first prize awards will be as follows: 1-10-48

Men's team, $750; Women's team, $300; Men's doubles, $300; Women's doubles, $150; Men's singles, $150; Women's singles, $100; Men's all-events, $300; Women's all-events, $200.

Competition will be at 1000 scratch, 70 percent handicap, for teams. Doubles and singles will be at 400 and 200 scratch, respectively, 70 percent handicap.

Entry fees have been set at $4 per event, $20 per team, and $2.50 for all events, the fee to include bowling. Deadline for entries is March 6. Send all entries to the Tournament Secretary, UAW-CIO Recreation Department, 5707 Second Boulevard, Detroit 2, Michigan.

Welcome! TO CHICAGOS
1ST ALL-AMERICAN
RRACIAL BOWLING TOURNAM
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CIO News
Washington, D.C
Mon 6-21-48

BOWL DOWN PREJUDICE: This inter-racial group is sponsoring a bowling tournament in Chicago in protest against the racial restrictions imposed by the American Bowling Congress. Left to right: Dr. Joseph Robert, Church Federation of Greater Chicago; the Rev. Benson Fisher, Episcopal Diocese of Chicago; Allen Freeman, alderman 48th ward; Father Daniel Cantwell, Catholic Labor Alliance chaplain; the Rev. George Nishimoto, Ellis Community Center; Archie Carey, alderman 3rd ward, and Patric Greathouse, regional director UAW-CIO.

Accuses

ABC of Teaching Hatred

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sat. 5-15-48

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Editor's Note: The author of this story is a columnist for the Chicago Herald American. He is one of the country's most liberal sports writers and has consistently fought for the elimination of the color-line in American sports.

5-15-48

The un-American Bowling Congress, and its female partner, the Woman's International Bowling Congress, stand accused of carrying on the furtive whisper that Hitler was right. That it is fitting and proper for the American sports scene to further the policy of racial hatred, of bigotry; that the utter rot of the super-race theory should be taught to the youth of this country through the more than a thousand locals of ABC. 5-15-48 Sat

Thus, although the most bestial Nazi from Hitler's Gestapo can bowl in a "sanctioned" ABC tournament, a veteran of the American Army who subdued him cannot, if his parents happened to be the only true native American stock; a Russia-loving Communist traitor can bowl, while a Negro stands outside fingering his tattered Purple Heart ribbon in his pocket and wondering what he has done to be barred from this too.

Those of us who, despite, being members of this wonderful super-race known as "Caucasians," were never taught to hate others, find it difficult to understand the sick mentalities of those who make these absurd rules. We laugh at such utter rot as "For Caucasians Only" until we realize that here is a dangerous and frightening thing.

Here is a sect, a powerful organization which can control the circumstances of the play of more than twenty million Americans who enjoy bowling. Here is a foul little seed of poison flowing from withered, warped minds.

For the un-American Bowling Congress even outstrips Dixieland democracy in it philosophy. It doesn't stop with jim crow, but forges ahead to discriminate against races which jim crow forgot to hate.

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It sneers at the policies of Lincoln who was perhaps the greatest single force for decency this country has known; it thumbs its nose at the Church, the Government, the Constitution, and everything else which can be labelled "American," or "Christian."

Fortunately the days of the un-American Bowling Congress as it exists today are numbered. The bright light of publicity is beginning to bring attention to its shameful policy, and the inherent decency in Americans will demand its death.

Perhaps, before it is too late the un-American Bowling Congress will erase "For Caucasians Only," and substitute a phrase once written by a man named George Washington—"to bigotry no sanction; to persecution no assistance."

Bias to Be Tabooed At Big Bowling Meet

The Courier

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Pittsburgh, Pa.

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The Afro American

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Baltimore, Md.

PRIEST LEADS FIGHT TO END NEGRO BAN IN BOWLING CONGRESS

Cleveland Guide

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DETROIT, Mich. -- The American Bowling Congress has voted down a request of the Brooklyn Catholic Youth Organization that the ABC constitution be amended to extend membership to all races without discrimination.

Cleveland, Ohio

The request was presented to the national executive board of the ABC in Detroit last wek by Fr. Charles T. Carow, Catholic priest of the Diocese of Brooklyn, who is an executive director of the New York Bowling Association. Others on the special committee with Father Carow, in presenting the request were Mayor Hubert H. Humphrey of Minneapolis, chairman of the National Committee for Fair Play in Bowling, and Walter Reuther, president of the CIO United Auto Workers.

Father Carow had sent a similar proposal last year to the ABC's meeting in Las Angeles, but then it was likewise voted down. This year's amendment was defeated by voice vote after the Bowling Congress' executive board recommended its rejection to the delegates.

Sat. 5-15-48

In testimony before the executive board Father Carow gave two reasons for his recommendation: a democratic and a moral one. He repeated them at a general session after the board and rejected his amendment. Stating that the eyes of the world "are turned to the United States to see if our principles of democracy are working in practice," the priest said the world would fail to see them work as long as "any barrier is placed before any group of citizens in any matter at all."

Explaining the moral reason, the priest said:

"For me, a Catholic priest, this is very important. The Creator of mankind brought all from the human family. His Divine Son offered the benefits of His Redemption for all without exception. The unity of the human race is not only a matter of Christian belief but it is also a scientific fact. Because all this is true, we are inter-related in one vast brotherhood and the fraternal law of charity demands that we treat everyone as a brother, unless that individual, by his own action forfeits the right to such consideration. To distinguish without reason where the Divine Creator did not distinguish is a serious transgression arising from unjustified and false human pride."

5-15-48

The Brooklyn Catholic Youth Organization will continue in its effort to break the Bowling Congress color ban, Father Carow said.

Says Report Was Changed to Omit Criticism of Chandler

By United Press

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MIAMI BEACH

Larry MacPhail, former president of the Yankees, said this weekend that Branch Rickey "was lying" when and if he charged that major league club owners voted to keep Negroes out of organized baseball.

Rickey also "was lying," MacPhail declared, when and if he said copies of the report "were collected to destroy evidence of some recommendations or proposal having to do with participation of Negroes in the major leagues." 2-22-48

"The printed reports were collected at the request of the Commissioner (Happy Chandler) because they contained a criticism of the Commissioner, written by me, which the Commission felt was unfair and not constructive," MacPhail said in a blistering 1500-word statement answering the charges which Rickey made at Wilberforce, O., Monday night.

Has Only Copy of Report

New York, N.Y. Sun. 2-22-48

MacPhail revealed that he has the only copy of the report which was adopted at a special meeting of major league club owners at Chicago in September, 1946. He was chairman of a committee which drew up the report.

Rickey had been quoted as charging, MacPhail pointed out, that the joint policy committee of the two major leagues had proposed a ban to keep Negroes out of the majors; that all major league clubs except Brooklyn approved and formally adopted the report; and that all copies of the report were destroyed to prevent the fact from becoming public. He said Rickey was attempting "to glorify himself as the only club owner in baseball opposed to discrimination on the grounds of color, race or creed."

MacPhail said Rickey was "lying if and when" he made any of the three charges. 2-22-48

Never Supported Negro Participation

"To the best of my knowledge and belief," MacPhail said, "Rickey never uttered a single word in any baseball meeting previous to the signing of Robinson (*Robinson was signed in October*, 1946—Ed.) suggesting or supporting participation of Negro players in the major leagues. On the contrary, when Rickey was appointed with me by the major leagues, early in 1945, as a committee of two to study and survey this problem, and report our recommendations at the next meeting he ducked the issue, and never submitted any recommendations of any kind to either major league. Rickey's conscience apparently was not bothering him then."

MacPhail said that he sent a copy of his report, written after conferences with Negro baseball executives, educators and representatives of the Negro press, to Rickey and "asked him his views."

"I heard nothing from him," MacPhail declared, adding that he then sent his report to all major league clubs and released it for publication. The report recommended that the majors take action to strengthen the Negro leagues, that the Negro leagues be required to "put their house in order," and then be admitted to organized baseball, and that such clubs "as desired" be permitted to select Negro players under a system similar to the minor league draft. 2-22-48

"This report was published before Rickey signed Robinson to a contract calling for less money than Robinson made in the Negro leagues," MacPhail said. "At that very moment, Rickey had scouts all over North and South America, scouting Negro players. Rickey was not interested in doing something constructive for either baseball or Negro players. Sun.

"In spite of the fact that he had accepted an appointment by the major leagues to study this problem and report his findings, he double-crossed his associates for his own personal advantage."

No Comment from Rickey on Charge

New York, N.Y.

Branch Rickey refused to comment this weekend on the statement issued by Larry MacPhail.

"Mr. Rickey was called a liar earlier this week because of a misinterpreted remark made in a telephone conversation and we refuse to issue statements by that means any more," Arthur Mann, assistant to Rickey, explained.

"We've been taken advantage of, perhaps not intentionally, by the press as a result of misquoted or misinterpreted comments made informally and now this thing has become too big to be answered in a telephone conversation." Sun. 2-22-48

Earlier in the week, Rickey said that his speech had been reported "correctly but misinterpreted."

Negro Nine Unlikely to Play in Federation

47e Baseball

Free Press

Entry Application Sidetracked Until May 1 at Sandlot Meeting

Detroit, Mich.

BY BOB LATSHAW AND GEORGE PUSCAS

Every indication pointed to the exclusion of a Negro team seeking admission to the Detroit Baseball Federation after Tuesday's meeting of the organization. Wed. 4-7-48

Officially, nothing was determined. But there seemed little hope that the first Negro team would play when the Federation opens its 34th season May 2.

Chief among the developments were:

1—The discovery of "fine print" on the application blank which precludes any discussion of the Trojan application until May 1 . . . the day before the season opens.

2—The fact that most members of Class C are not in favor of enlarging the division, which had 12 teams last year.

3—Even though the Board of Directors could accept the application for membership, final judgement rests with the Federation's membership. 4-7-48

4—An odd number of teams will not be accepted this year in any class.

Old members usually get first choice of league berths. The clause on the DBF's official entry blank, however, made its first appearance this year.

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THERE IS EVERY indication that there will be a decrease in the number of teams in all classes this summer. The principal reason is the lack of facilities.

Class A, which has 20 applications for membership on file, will be limited to 16 teams. It is quite likely that the Class B entry of 48 clubs will be reduced substantially.

In Class C there are already seven of last year's 12 teams back in the fold. The other five will have preference for the remaining berths. Free Press

THE LACK of playing facilities has already left its mark on the Federation. Managers seeking practice permits have been warned by Parks and Recreation employees that practice fields will be scarce. Detroit, Mich.

This is primarily caused by the Recreation Baseball League, which has 100 teams in action in twilight games during the week, when the Federation teams ordinarily practice.

Some managers have entered teams in the rival organization to give their players an extra session on the field. Wed.

As far as the application of the Negro team was concerned, Will Robinson, its manager, was given the following information by DBF President Frank Shields: 4-7-48

"I'll take this matter before the Board of Directors next Thursday. At that time I will ask them to by-pass the rule concerning applications not being considered before May 1 in Class C."

Color Of Teams Not Same, Game Banned

Deny Barons Permit To Play White Team In City Stadium

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Journal & Guide

Norfolk, Va.

PORTSMOUTH — An apparent attempt of the city of Portsmouth, or some individual within its official setup, to ban interracial games at the Municipal Stadium came to light this week when the use of the public stadium was refused the Portsmouth Barons, who were to engage the baseball team (white) of the USS Roosevelt in a game Wednesday night.

The Barons, after advertising the game with the USS Roosevelt team, were obliged to make a last-minute change when informed in the offices of the Portsmouth Recreation Bureau that games between white and colored local teams would be banned at the stadium.

A representative of the Barons stated that he was informed shortly before game-time that games between white and colored teams would not be allowed in the city-owned stadium and that orders to that effect came from higher authorities

This attempt to establish racial rules for events in the Stadium came as somewhat of a surprise because the City Council last December 9 ruled that the Barons or any other team could play interracial games there.

The matter was brought before City Council through a letter from William M. Murphy, 50 Radford street, manager of the Barons, who informed the Council that his team was affiliated with the National Baseball Congress and that the locals would in all probability engage white teams during the coming season.

At the time Mayor Leslie T. Fox, presiding over the Council session, stated, "I see no reason why they shouldn't have the stadium. There are no racial restrictions on the use of our municipal stadium."

In the December meeting the mayor pointed out that rental of the stadium is an administrative matter and that first applications received get the priority for use. All the Barons would have to do. are nothing new. They are frequently held in Norfolk. In fact the Batling Palms of Norfolk have played the USS Roosevelt team on two previous occasions this season.

When hit by the racial ruling this week, the Portsmouth Barons reluctantly cancelled their game with the USS Roosevelt and substituted the Battling Palms, instead, fans who attended the game were expecting to see the Navy team, but, instead, saw a substitute.

WHICH COURSE?

As a result of the action of the Recreation Bureau in refusing to rent the Stadium for an interracial game, the Portsmouth Barons can take either of three courses for future action: (1) Institute legal proceedings against the city; (2) Take the matter before City Council again; or (3) cancel all future interracial games and play only colored teams.

Olleo L. Cromwell is business manager for the Barons and C. C. Taylor is owner.

it was stated at that time, was to apply for use of the Stadium thru proper channels.

In view of this policy as laid down by City Council last December, the current attitude of the Recreation Bureau in attempting to ban interracial events in the stadium proved quite surprising.

BIG QUESTION

Does it mean that the city has changed its policy and will attempt to control the race and creed of those participating in events at the Stadium? Or is the present situation the result of the biased opinion of some individual in an official capacity who is inserting his personal rulings to affect activities in the stadium? Those are questions that Portsmouth citizens are asking this week.

8-1-54-48

City Councilmen, in their meeting last December 9, pointed out that they knew of no city or state laws that would prohibit white and colored teams from playing games in the municipal stadium.

47e 1948 Basketball

Penn. Quint Vetoes Jimcro

Daily Worker
New York, N.Y. Thur

Because the Shippensburg State Teachers basketball team refused to leave a Negro teammate at home, the scheduled game in Maryland with Hagerstown Junior College was cancelled yesterday.

3-19-48

The question was put to a vote by the Pennsylvania quintet and the outcome was never in doubt. The players on the southern chool, and their coach, have also written to the Shipppenburg Negro telling him they had no sympathies with the jimcrow edict but it was imposed upon them by the Washington Country Board of Education.

Earlier this season, Hagerstown had come north to play Shippensburg and there was never any question raised about jimcrowing the shippersburg hoopster. 2-19-48

Negro Players Are Barred By S. F. Seals

By R. V. TYSON

OAKLAND—Curtis Roberts, youthful infielder of the Kansas City Monarchs, and Gene Richardson, pitcher on the same club, did not get the same promised tryout with the San Francisco Seals.

Charles Grahm, Jr., general manager of the team and the man who was willing to give the two Negro players the tryout, was voted down by Charles Grahm, Sr., president of the club, and Lefty O'Doul, team manager.

On February 5 over Radio station KLX that Richardson and Roberts would be two of the top candidates to report for trials on Monday, February 9, through Friday, February 20. This broadcast was heard by Richardson in San Diego.

On the afternoon of February 6, the Oakland Tribune, which owns station printed an article saying both men would report for tryouts. The next day Charles Grahm confirmed the report in a conversation with this writer.

Grahm, Jr. added that he desired a statement from Tom Y. Baird, owner of the Kansas City Monarchs saying it was o. k. with Baird for the two men to be given trials. If young Grahm could get this statement, Roberts and Richardson would be rightfully considered.

3-6-48

The statement regarding the two Negro players came into the Oakland Tribune office over the teletype system.

Negro Barred; Quint Cancels Dixie Game

HAGERSTOWN, Md. — Shippensburg State College of Pennsylvania has cancelled its game with Hagerstown junior college when the northern quintet voted not to play without its Negro star.

In an earlier game in Shippensburg, Pa., there was no question. This time the local county board ruled that it would not permit the game if a Negro appeared with the visiting team.

Racial Bias Causes Manhattan College To Refuse Cage Bid

3-16-48

NEW YORK, N. Y.—(SNS)—Two New York colleges have declined invitations to participate in the National Intercollegiate Basketball Association tournament at Kansas City Mo., because of a ban against Negro players. The colleges are Manhattan College and Long Island University.

Manhattan College officials declined to participate because they felt it was "against Catholic principles." Long Island Uinversity withdrew two weeks ago after a statement by Coach Clair Bee emphasizing his team wanted "no part" of the NIBA tourney because of a "No Negro rule."

A spokesman for Manhattan College's athletic office told sportswriters that tournament officials" have just been informed by wire that we are withdrawing from the tourney because we feel one of its rules is against our principles."

This rule states that no Negro players shall be allowed to participate in the tournament which opens this week. Manhattan's decision was made despite the fact that there are no Negroes on its squad.

Manhattan, which boasts an 18-5 record, was to have represented the New York and New Jersey areas in the tournament. The team will tour the west coast since rejecting the bid to the NIBA meet.

3-16-48

An athletic office spokesman at Manhattan said that, following orders from the Director of Athletics, Brother Eusebius, a wire was sent to NIBA officials Tuesday stating that unless the rule barring Negro players were rescinded, Manhattan would not participate. The answer from Kansas was that "at this date" it could not be.

ABC Bowling Congress Turns Down Anti-Jim Crow Petition

Lighthouse & Informer
Columbia, S.C.

DETROIT, Mich.—The American Bowling Congress has voted down a request of the Brooklyn Catholic Youth Organization that the ABC constitution be amended to extend membership to all races without discrimination.

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The request was presented to the national executive board of the ABC in Detroit last week by Fr. Charles T. Carow, Catholic priest of the Diocese of Brooklyn, who is an executive director of the New York Bowling Association. Others on the special committee with Father Carow, in presenting the request were Mayor Hubert H. Humphrey of Minneapolis, chairman of the National Committee for Fair Play in Bowling, and Walter Reuther, president of the CIO United Auto Workers.

Sun. 5-23-48

Father Carow had sent a similar proposal last year to the ABC's annual meeting in Los Angeles, but then it was likewise voted down. This year's amendment was defeated by voice vote after the Bowling Congress' executive board recommended its rejection to the delegates.

Sun. 5-23-48

In testimony before the executive board Father Carow gave two reasons for his recommendation: a democratic and a moral one. He repeated them at a general session after the board had rejected his amendment. Stating that the eyes of the world "are turned to the United States to see if our principles of democracy are working in practice," the priest said the world would fail to see them work as long as "any barrier is placed before any group of citizens in any matter at all."

Jim Crowism

47e PM

Dear Sir:

I strongly urge the readers of PM not to bowl at those alleys affiliated with the American Bowling Congress, since that organization encourages discriminatory practices against Negroes in bowling. When you want to bowl see that you go to some alley other than one connected with ABC. By this boycott, you shall not only further the cause of racial and religious equality, but will help yourselves as well. 4-21-48

Wed. JOSEPH SCHWARTZBERG
New York New York N.Y.

The opening of Palisades Amusement Park Apr. 17 for its much-publicized golden jubilee anniversary season, prompts me to remind PM readers of the unfair racial policy enforced at the Park's swimming pool. Negroes and persons of dark skin are refused admittance to the pool in violation of New Jersey law. Wed. 4-21-48

There is still time before this season's opening of the pool to have the Jim Crow policy ended. PM readers can help do this by writing to Irving Rosenthal, the Park's owner, at 875 Fifth Ave., and to Bert Nevins Inc., his publicity agent at 152 W. 42d St. PM New York N.Y.

PM readers will recall how on several occasions last Summer, under Rosenthal's personal supervision, an interracial group of us from the Committee of Racial Equality was manhandled by Park and municipal police and then arrested for seeking admission to the pool. Our resulting convictions on disorderly conduct charges were recently reversed by the New Jersey Supreme Court.

JIM PECK 4-21-48
Wed. *Committee of Racial Equality*
New York

RACIAL BAN IS KEPT BY A. B. C. TOURNEY

The Times
New York, N.Y.

Fight Against 'White Persons' Clause Lost—Towns-Sweeney Top Doubles With 1,361

47e Sat 4-17-48

DETROIT, April 16 (AP)—American Bowling Congress convention delegates waded into a flood of projected constitutional amendments today, tosing out the much-fought "alley man" rule and retaining the restriction against Negroes and other non-Caucasians in its sanctioned competition.

The convention gave quick approval to a recommendation by the executive committe that the "alley man" rule, under fire for more than ten years, be eliminated completely. Hereafter teams will not be restricted to a single bowler whose principal livelihood comes from a bowling establishment connection.

Heated Pressure Unavailing

The Times

Delegates approved the A. B. C.'s controversial "racial discrimination" clause in the face of heated pressure that it be removed from the constitution. The clause restricts A. B. C. sanction to "white persons of the male sex," thus barring Negroes and other non-Caucasians, as well as women, from the annual tournament.

A proposal that unrestricted sanction be given to Hawaiians also was turned down by the convention. Under present rules Hawaiians can roll in their island leagues and tournaments, which are sanctioned by the A. B. C., but cannot compete in the championships. New York N.Y.

An expected fight between the A.B.C. and the Bowling Proprietors Association of America failed to materialize. A comprcmise agreemtn was reached in advance of the general session on a "certification" proposal which would have empowered the A.B.C. to remove the certificate of sanction from any bowling establishment whose owner or operator was considered guilty of conduct detrimental to bowling. Under the compromise, the amendment was changed to provide recourse for a hearing before the A.B.C. legal committee. Sat 4-17-48

Chicago Bowlers Surprise

Chicagoans provided one of the major surprises in the 45th annual championships when they rolled into first place in the doubles. James Towns, 23-year-old operations agent for Eastern Airlines, and William Sweeney, 32, department store display man, compiled 457, 442 and 462 for 1,361 to go far ahead. They surpassed by 33 pins the previous pace set by William Wilkas and Joseph Romano of Amsterdam, N. Y. Sat.

Towns, who does not bowl in any league, achieved the highest series by an individual in the curent classic with 225, 266 and 242 for 733. It was his first 700 series in eight years of bowling. 4-17-48

TEXAS IS JIMCROW ORANGE BOWL CHOICE

In an obvious Jimcrow selection, the sponsors of Miami's Orange Bowl yesterday chose the mediocre Texas Longhorns to oppose Georgia in the annual New Year's Day clash. Penn State and Michigan State, two of the top ranking teams in the nation, were ignored because of their Negro players. Texas has a lacklustre record of three defeats and one tie in a schedule that wasn't particularly distinguished for its calibre of opposition.

Michigan State's record of six wins, two losses and two ties is far better than the cold figures read. It lost by one touchdown to Michigan, rated the best in the country, and dropped its other game to unbeaten Notre Dame, with the Irish unable to score more than 26 points. Mich. State tied Penn State earlier in the season after the Nittany had gone through two seasons without a loss, and the other tie came last week against Santa Clara, the team which knocked Nevada off the unbeaten pinnacle. All of Michigan State's six wins came in routs of the opposition.

Daily Worker
N.Y. N.Y.
Tues 11-30-48

Penn State, which shattered southern bowl Jimcrow last New Year's Day in the Texas Cotton Bowl, finished this season with a fine record of seven wins, one loss and one tie. The lone loss came in that miracle upset by Pitt to knock the Nittany out of the unbeaten class for the first time since 1946.

Last week the Daily Worker wired Michigan State officials inquiring whether it would back up its Negro players and refuse any southern bowl bids that came along with Jimcrow strings tied to it. The answer to this paper was a positive affirmation that Michigan State had not yet received any bowl bids, but if it did, the invitation would have to include Michigan State's Negro players or the school would not consider the bid.

Tues 11-30-48

The Orange Bowl sponsors disgraced themselves with their decision in by-passing the interracial squads of Penn State and Michigan State. The Miami bowl game will be in cold contrast to the Cotton Bowl classic which for the second straight year is kicking Texas Jimcrow square in the teeth by inviting the interracial Oregon squad to meet SMU.

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General

Athletic Department Disapproves Racial Prejudice

Iowa State Daily

"No differentiation should be made between athletes because of the color of their skin," is the general opinion of the Iowa State Department of Athletics.

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Members of the Department of Athletics were contacted Tuesday, while students were being polled in the registration line in Beardshear Hall on the question of racial discrimination in the Big Seven Conference. Student polling will continue throughout registration. Ames, Iowa

Two of the Big Seven Conference colleges, Oklahoma and Missouri, are barred by existing laws and state customs from allowing Negro participation in athletics in their schools. Wed 3-10-48

According to 1947 Big Seven Conference rules, teams away from home shall conform to the rules regarding personnel in accordance with the host teams. In simpler terms this means that if we had a Negro halfback, he would not be allowed to play when we visited Missouri, but would play when Missouri came up here.

Iowa State's policy, as expressed by Louis Menze, director of athletics, closely follows this rule. "If we have any Negro boys come out," Menze stated, "and they're good enough, we'll play them, but not at Missouri and Oklahoma." Wed 3-10-48

Football Coach Abe Stuber pointed out that in the sports in which the Negro race has been given outlets, namely boxing and track, they have excelled. "There is no reason to think they wouldn't do the same in other's," Stuber said. "We played against them in Illinois and never had any trouble. I have found them to be very fine competitors."

Line Coach Burt Moore stated, "If I had a tackle that could hold down the job, he'd have it, regardless of color. All men are the same under the skin." He pointed out Jackie Robinson, of the Brooklyn Dodgers and Joe Louis, heavyweight boxing champion of the world, as a couple of top-notch Negro athletes. Iowa State Daily

Ray Donels, personnel department, also says if the man qualifies for the position that should make it his. Ames, Iowa

Clayton (Chick) Sutherland, head basketball coach, told about a Negro he had on his team when he was coaching at Mason City. He said the boy was a fine competitor and popular with all the other boys on the team. Wed 3-10-48

Ruling Opens All Golf Links

Restricted Courses Used After 7 Years

The Afro-American

WRIT SMASHED BAR

Baltimore, Md.

Defeat of Jim Crow Long, Costly Process

Mon. 7-24-48

BALTIMORE

Given the green light by a Federal Court order, Baltimore golfers set out, this week, to try their skill on the public golf course of their choosing.

After being restricted to the nine-hole course at Carroll Park for nearly seven years, the golfers look forward to improving their technique on the spacious and varied 18-hole links of Mt. Pleasant, Clifton and Forest Parks.

The injunction, restraining the city from enforcing a regulation of the Board of Recreation and Parks that restricted colored golfers to Carroll Park course, was issued on Monday by Federal Judge W. Calvin Chesnut.

Bar Held Rights Violation

The order was given in the case of Charles R. Law versus the City Council and mayor of Baltimore. It was heard in U.S. District Court here on June 2.

On June 19, Judge Chestnut filed his decision that the city could not enforce its jim crow ruling because it was a violation of rights guaranteed under the 14th Amendment.

The three courses formerly reserved for whites were Mt. Pleasant, Clifton Park and the Forest Park course, known as Hillsdale.

Judge Describes Courses

In describing the inequality of the courses for white and Carroll Park, Chesnut said:

"Mt. Pleasant course is situated partly in Baltimore City and partly in Baltimore County and is in a predominantly undeveloped district.

Mon. 7-24-48

"It is an 18-hole course of modern construction with attractive surrounding landscape, occupying about 140 acres of ground and of more than 6,000 yards in length for the whole course.

"Another 18-hole course is in Clifton Park, a tract of several hundred acres situated on Harford Rd. about a mile North of North Ave. The golf course constitutes a part of a typical large city park.

Finds J-C Links Poorer

"In Forest Park, located in the Northwestern part of the city, is still another 18-hole course operated by the city in a general suburban district — Hillsdale course.

"The fourth golf course is in Carroll Park. It is only a nine-hole course situated in the Southwestern part of the city in a general commercial and industrial area.

"It is bordered by an active industrial branch of the B. & O. Railroad and has little attraction from the landscape point of view.

"The land, while not completely level, has a comparatively uniform terrain and does not present the varied conditions of ground and landscaping which exist to a much greater extent in the other municipal courses."

Former Case Reversed

In the Murphy case, the jury, acting under instructions of the trial judge, found there was substantial inequality in Carroll Park accommodations.

The Afro-American

On appeal, however, the judgement was reversed because of errors in procedure.

Law filed suit in Federal Court after the Board of Recreation and Parks turned down his plea to play on one or more of the courses then reserved for white persons.

Groups in 7-Year Fight Mon

The seven-year legal battle was widely supported by community organizations and public opinion with the Urban League and AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers working closely with the two sponsoring bodies.

Baltimore, Md.

William Dixon, William Adams and D. Arnett Murphy, all members of the Monumental Golf Club gave $500 each toward the cost

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NEGRO GOLFERS PLAY ONCE-BARRED LINKS

BALTIMORE, July 13 (AP)—Negroes started playing golf today on the three municipal courses from which they had been excluded.

A Federal Court order opened the links to them. Judge W. Calvin Chesnut issued it to enforce a ruling he made June 18 on a case brought by John E. Law, a Baltimore Negro.

7-14-48

Mr. Law complained that the nine-hole municipal course maintained for Negroes at Carroll Park was not so good as the eighteen-hole layouts for white players at Mount Pleasant, Clifton and Forest Park.

Judge Chesnut's injunction said the Mayor and City Council and Board of Recreation and Parks could not deny the use of any public course "under the present unqualified, phohibitory regulation" that excluded Negroes.

"The order will be carried out as interpreted," said R. Brooke Maxwell, director of Recreation and Parks. "I am not going to defy an order of the Federal Government. It means that anyone of any race presenting himself at these courses must be sold a ticket."

7-14-48

Judge Chesnut suggested that some compromise might be worked out so that Negro golfers could use the courses only during certain hours or on certain days. He offered to modify the injunction to that effect. But Mr. Maxwell said that he would make no immediate attempt to take advantage of this suggestion.

Californians Ask $315,000 Damages

Defender Chicago, Ill.

Sat. 1-31-48

SAN FRANCISCO--(NNPA).--Damages totaling $315,000 are sought by three Negro golfers who were barred from competing in the $10,000 open golf tournament at nearby Richmond.

The suits were filed by Atty. John Rowell for Bill Spiller of Los Angeles, Ted Rhodes of Nashville, and Madison Gunter of San Francisco, who claim that they were denied employment in their profession as professional golfers. Each man asked damages of $105,000.

Named as defendants in the suits are the Richmond Golf Club and the Professional Golfers Association.

The plaintiffs allege that the Richmond Golf Club accepted their entrance fees for the tournament and then returned the money and told them they could not play.

1-31-48

ACCEPTED ENTRY MONEY

Pat Markovich, tournament director, is alleged to have accepted their entries, and George Schneiter, PGA tournament director, is alleged to have told them that they could not play.

Each plaintiff asked for damages of $5,000 from the Richmond Golf Club (less of a possible $2,000 prize, plus an award for the humiliation they suffered), and $100,000 from the PGA because of the refusal of the association to permit them to play and its denial to them of the right to earn their livelihood as professional golfers.

Defender

OPEN TO WHITES ONLY

Schneiter, chairman of the PGA tournament committee, said the association's constitution restricts membership to members of the Caucasian race only.

Chicago, Ill.

Markovich said he had no discretion in the matter since the PGA was running the tournament under a contract and could fix qualifications of competitors as it saw fit.

Sat. 1-31-48

Entrants in the tournament included, in addition to regular PGA members, a number of amateurs for whom special provision was made.

COLOR BAN IN SPORTS

Times New York N.Y.

The Professional Golfers Association refusal to accept the entry of two Negro golf professionals for the Richmond, Calif., Open Tournament that opened yesterday is neither sportsmanlike nor American. It is in contrast to the attitude of most other sports organizations in the United States, where Negroes are among the top athletes. The two Negro professionals—Bill Spiller and Ted Rhodes—are good golfers, as they showed in the recent Los Angeles Open, where Rhodes finished twenty-first in a field of the sixty-six top golfers of the country and Spiller finished thirty-fourth. The Times

There was not even the excuse at Richmond that there was a tradition of discrimination and that the PGA was only abiding by the customs of the area. Negroes attend California universities and participate in sports. Jackie Robinson, the Brooklyn first baseman, was a star football player at U. C. L. A. in Los Angeles. The PGA can call itself neither professional nor sportsmanlike if it allows this ban to stand. New York, N.Y. Fri. 1-16-48

Color Line

Time 47e Chicago Ill.

¶ In California, three Negro professional golfers were barred from the $10,000 Richmond "open" golf tournament. The local club was willing to let them play, but the all-powerful Professional Golfers' Association, which all the leading pros belong to, has a "Caucasian clause." The three excluded golfers—Ted Rhodes (who taught Joe Louis how to play), Bill Spiller and Madison Gunter—thereupon sued the P.G.A. and the club for $315,000. 1-26-48

¶ In Oklahoma, a Negro athlete competed against whites, reportedly for the first time in the state's history. He was 6 ft. 6 in. Don Barksdale, an All-America basketball player last year at U.C.L.A. Barksdale scored 17 points, sparked the pro Oakland (Calif.) Bittners to a 45-41 victory over the all-white Phillips Oilers (of Bartlesville, Okla.), who hadn't been defeated in 31 games. The Oklahoma audience cheered him. 47e

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Baltimore Board Finds New Way To Segregate Golfers

7-30-48

The Call

BALTIMORE. — (NNPA) — With racial discrimination banned by a Federal court order, at a hectic session last Tuesday night the Board of Recreation and Parks hit upon a scheme to keep colored and white golfers from using municipal courses at the same time.

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The scheme restricts the use of courses by colored golfers to the following days: Carroll Park, Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays; Mount Pleasant Park, Tuesdays; Clifton Park Wednesdays; and Hillsdale Park, Thursdays. Kansas City

This schedule opens to white golfers on Tuesdays and Wednesdays the golf course in Carroll Park, which prior to July 13 was set aside for the exclusive use of colored golfers. Mo.

The board's action will most likely result in further action in the United States District Court here to compel compliance with a non-discriminatory policy in the use of municipal golf courses here. While three parks were opened to colored people, their use is still restricted on the theory that the larger number of white golfers entitles them to preferred consideration. Fri.

The United States Supreme Court has ruled the constitutional right to the equal protection of the laws is a personal one and, regardless of the demand, if an individual is denied substantial equality of treatment, he may properly complain that his constitutional privilege has been invaded. 7-30-48

Dr. Bernard Harris, colored member of the board, protested against the scheduling of days on which the golf courses may be used by colored golfers, and held out for indiscriminate use of the courses.

"The Court has decided that Negroes have the right to use the golf courses—all of them—in common with whites," he said.

He added, "The regulations deny citizens their rights, and they are going to continue to protest every day as long as such rules continue in force."

LETTERS

From the Readers

P.M. New York, N.Y.

Time for Pressure

Dear Sir: Thurs. 2-26-48

One of the great opportunities for the removal of the barriers of segregation presents itself in the field of sports. There are millions who for many years have followed the ring career of Joe Louis. The whole country has followed Jackie Robinson's premier year in major league baseball, and also that of Buddy Young in pro football. Harrison Dillard and Reggie Pearman have achieved prominence in the fields of hurdling and track.

Many other potentially great athletes are being denied the right to show their abilities because of the shade of their skin, however. The directors of the United States Lawn Tennis Assn., the Professional Golfers Assn., and the American Bowling Congress still are not willing to give up their "Aryan" ideas, as would befit any man who knows the true meaning of *sportsmanship*. The time is ripe for pressure to be brought to bear on these organizations to get rid of the discrimination that is pulling our whole democratic system down. 2-26-48

Thurs. MEMBER OF THE U. S. (EASTERN) LAWN TENNIS ASSN.

New York

Thrown In Jail Playing Tennis In Baltimore

The American St. Louis, Mo.

Thurs. 7-15-48

BALTIMORE—Negro and white "sitdown strikers" who were carried to patrol wagons by police for playing mixed tennis matches in a public park came up for hearings Monday.

The Young Progressives of Maryland said it sponsored Sunday's outing purposely to test the Park Board's segregation rules. The group is a branch of Henry A. Wallace's third party.

7-15-48

Park officials said they informed the whites who obtained permits for use of the courts that no mixed matches would be allowed. Capt. Gordon Gaeng of the park police was on hand when play started.

47f 1948

Custis Sparkles as Orange Bows to Penn State, 34-14

Afro American

Completes 12 Tosses to Gain 187 Yards; Triplett Sets Up One TD, Scores One

Sat 10-16-48

By WARREN GARDNER

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Bernie Custis passed Syracuse to within six points of Penn State's 1947 Eastern champions, but superior line play and Wally Triplett's dazzling runs enabled the Nittany Lions to score a well-deserved 34-14 triumph, before 12,000 rain-soaked spectators here, Friday night.

Baltimore Md.

Although Syracuse was unable to match Penn State's explosive line-plunging, the game was much closer than the score would indicate. In fact, for roughly 50 minutes it could have gone either way. At the end of the third period Penn State was leading by the slim margin of 20-14, and, with Custis putting on an aerial circus, the Nittany Lions had some anxious moments.

Triplett Gains 154 Yards

Triplett, Penn State's contribution to jet-propulsion, carried the ball only eight times, but he weaved and danced through would-be tacklers for 154 yards, an average of 19.2 per try.

Custis, who completed 12 tosses for a total of 187 yards, engineered both Syracuse touchdowns. The first of these came after Syracuse out-foxed Penn State with a fake kick. Custis then proceeded to flip a 30-yard toss to his right end for a score. Later, the Philadelphia bullet-passer, hit his target with a 25-yard touchdown toss after seven minutes of the third quarter.

Scores Second Marker

Triplett, who shone in this duel with Custis, his fellow Philadelphian, set up the first and scored the second of the Penn State tallies. This was accomplished by runs of 45 and 47 yards on inside reverses through the Orange right and left tackle slots.

Showing their best offensive effort in several years, Syracuse opened the second half in their own territory and marched 70 yards to score. In this drive, Custis handled the ball on 13 of the 14 plays required.

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Holding Penalty Costly

At least one Penn State score may not have resulted if a completed 60-yard Custis pass, from his goal-line, had not been nullified by a holding penalty. On two other occasions the officials were roundly booed as Custis's receivers were bowled over as they sought to grab long aerials.

The two sepia linemen, Left-end Danny Hoggard of Penn State, and Horace Morris, Syracuse guard from New Jersey, performed commendably. Perhaps, ironically, it was Morris, backing up the line who broke up the play each time that Hogggard dashed out in pass-grabbling effort.

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GET THE AIR—Crowd-pleasing Ezzrett "Sugarfoot" Anderson and fleet-footed halfback Bert Piggott, onetime Illini Rose Bowl teammate of Buddy Young, were unexpectedly cut from the Los Angeles Dons' 1948 squad Thursday, without too much explanation. Both were two-year men.

In the Rose Bowl against San Francisco 49ers last week, the two outplayed a lot of the teamsters still holding on to their jobs. Negro players still left on the Dons roster are Linwood Sexton and John Brown, halfback and center.

On the Mixed Grids

Afro American

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Baltimore, Md.

Custis Shines

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Philadelphia's Bernie Custis paced the Syracuse attack, but a strong first-half assault enabled Colgate to win, 20-13, before 32,000 rain and wind swept spectators in Archbold Stadium, Saturday.

Custis, whose 13 completed passes set the stage for both Syracuse touchdowns, piloted Syracuse 62 yards mid-way the fourth quarter as the Orange attempted to fight for a tie with their traditional rivals. Handling the ball on seven consecutive plays, he passed and ran Syracuse to the one-foot-line. Here he carried it over for the score.

Later, with three minutes left in the game, Custis again lifted the Orange into contention. But a 15-yard penalty and the dropping of a toss by one of his ends ended the rally.

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Custis was rushed repeatedly and saw eight "sure" passes dropped by his receivers. The muddy field also contributed to his difficulties in this 49th Syracuse-Colgate meeting in which the Orange were rated two-touchdown underdogs. But the 20-year-old sophomore's sprint for a first-down, early in the third period, literally turned the tide at a time when the Orange seemed headed for their fourth rout. Later, George Davis circled the Colgate left end for a Syracuse touchdown.

Horace Morris, whose goal-line tackle caused Syracuse to beat Colgate, 7-0 in 1947, was confined to the side-lines because of injuries suffered against Temple.

Taliaferro, Levi

'All-Star' Choices

Afro American

Two tan players were named to first team berths in their respective areas early this week, following announcement of all-East and all-Big Nine selections.

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Levi Jackson, on Monday elected the first colored captain of the Yale University eleven, was picked by football writers for the all-East team. George Taliaferro, brilliant triple-threat back at Indiana, was chosen by conference coaches for the first team in all-Big Nine selections.

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Honorable mention for the all-East team also went to Bucky Hatchett, Rutgers end; Dan Towler, Washington and Jefferson back; Wally Triplett, Penn State back, and Bernie Custis, Syracuse back.

Fay SAYS

Why Not A Carver Bowl?

Chicago Defender

HOUSTON, TEXAS—THE 1948 Bowl games will lack interest because of the determined efforts on the part of the promoters and the host schools to pick teams in the north which do not have Negro players on them.

Chicago Defender

The University of Nevada, passed up by the Sun Bowl, the Sugar Bowl and the Cotton Bowl authorities, has signed to play San Diego State in California.

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Alva Tabor, former Tuskegee Institute captain, and Sherman Howard, starting fullback, will see service against the Californians. Tabor is substitute to Stan Heath, Nevada's All-America quarterback and leading passer of the year.

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There has never been any hint to racial animosity in the Rose Bowl contests. The Bowl authorities have been too liberal for any such thing as that.

(Penn State, beaten by the unpredictable University of Pittsburgh, 7-0, for the first defeat in 18 games and tied, 14-14, by Michigan State, waited in vain for bowl bids. Penn State, with Wallace Triplett, of Lamott, Pa., as a star back, and Dennie Hoggard, second string end from Philadelphia, is side-tracked. Triplett scored one of the touchdowns in last New Year's day's Cotton Bowl 13-13 tie with Southern Methodist University. Hoggard is a minister's son.

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NOW WE MOVE ON over to Eaton, Pa., where the Dr. Ralph C. Hutchinson, president of Lafayette College, rejected the invitation of Sun Bowl Carnival Association to play Texas College of Mines providing that Dave Showell, star Negro back from Prospect Park, Pa., did not participate.

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Director of Athletics William H. Anderson said that C. D. Belding, chairman of the Sun Bowl game, told him that the laws of Texas forbid a Negro playing in the stadium where the New Years game would be played.

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In El Paso, Belding, reminded that Hoggard and Triplett played in Texas last New Year's day in the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, and that a Negro played with Compton Junior College of California last December in Tyler, Texas, said he only told Anderson that Showell would have to be housed in separate lodgings under the Texas law. (The Compton Junior College player was housed in a white Tyler hotel along with his teammates.)

The Lafayette student body, 1,500 strong, marched through Eaton's downtown streets and then sent a telegram to President Harry Truman which read: "DENIED SUN BOWL BID BECAUSE OF NEGRO ON TEAM. IS THAT DEMOCRACY?"

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THE Montgomery, Ala., Advertiser, a daily newspaper, is very liberal with space on the annual Dixie Classic in Cramton Bowl each Thanksgiving day. All that is through the generosity of Max Moseley, sports editor, and Walter J. Moseley, assistant sports editor.

Furnished imformation by Capt. R. S. Darnaby, of Tuskegee Institute, both men "go to town." The boss covers the game himself. The Adveriser of Friday, Nov. 26, in speaking of the parade Thanksgiving morning, which was witnessed by a crowd six deep in places along the line of march: "The spectacle was an arresting and unchallengable evidence of progress the colored man is making in all directions."

That Tuskegee won, 15-0, after a scoreless first half, over it's arch rival, Alabama State Teachers College, in the 25th game between the two institutions in Cramton Bowl is of passing importance. The big thing was the crowd. Nearly 15,000, over one-third of them white, stayed until the final minute of play.

The thing that struck us was that Montgomery's citizens, white and black, look upon this game with civic pride and it is a far cry from the way Chicago supports the annual Wilberforce vs. Tuskegee game each October or the annual Orange Blossom classic in Miami which last year drew 30,000 or the Cotton Bowl game in Dallas when Prairie View clashes with Wiley.

Fay SAYS

We Still Like Our Own

Chicago Defender
Chicago Illinois

IT SEEMS strange what psychology this Negro has today. To some, nothing his own does is right. It is a wonder to me that he even get a haircut by a Negro barber or a shine by a Negro bootblack. Some professional men are in the same boat as many others yet they expect our business.

....The other day we stopped to chat with a physician who belittled Negro college football. We listened for awhile then called the turn on him. He was a graduate of a small school in the bowels of the Southland and later had received his professional degree from a northern university. Every time there is a homcoming game at his graduate school, he is first to close his office and drive to the contest.

"TUSKEGEE PLAYS ONLY high school football," he said to us. Then he added that "who wants to see them play? Why the Negro schools can't play any football." To which we replied, "You'd be in one helluva fix if we thought the same about Negro physicians, dentists and lawyers." Well that was a different case, he said. But it isn't we argued.

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We called his attention to Alva Tabor, the captain of Tuskegee's varsity team in 1944. He went to Minnesota but was too light for the varsity last year and this year he shows up and is playing a whale of a game as substitute quarterback. Then we cited the case of Robert Mike, former Tuskegee linesman before he joined the armed forces. Mike went to the University of California at Los Angeles and played in the Rose Bowl against Buddy Young and the University of Illinois team on New Year's day in 1947 and Bob Mann, formerly of Hampton Institute who played brilliantly for the University of Michigan for three seasons and in the Rose Bowl on New Year's day in 1948.

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MIKE IS NOW with the San Francisco 49ers who are fighting for the All-America conference championship and who have a great record this year. Mann is playing this year with the Detroit Lions. John Brown, formerly of Roosevelt ... an later center for the North Carolina State Eagles in Durham is playing his second year with the Los Angeles Dons.

When Irwin Rawls came out of the army and went to the University of Indiana few Chicagoans knew he was from West Virginia's C. I. A. A. team. And there was Herb Douglass and another player who went to Pittsburgh two years ago from Xavier University in New Orleans.

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Bob Dorsey, starting end for Ohio State this season, learned his football at Prairie View State College in Texas.

Bill Bass, fullback from Tenn. State via Ky. State and the army, finally finished with Nevada under circumstances with which we are still not familiar for the reason he was allowed to play football although in the graduate school, because he took "one undergraduate study." **Bass learned all his football under Henry Arthur Kean, first at Ky. State and later (after he left the army) two years at Tenn. State.** Last year he played with the Chicago Rockets and our information now is that he is burning up a Canadian league with his daring play.

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WHEN WHITE BERGEN COLLEGE tumbled into Wilberforce State at the Polo Grounds last year and were badly beaten, the diehards said Bergen was a junior college. We swallowed that. But this year, Lincoln University Lions of Pennsylvania trounced a white Michigan College so badly that the coach begged Dr. John Williams, president of Maryland State and Head Coach Vernon McCain, to allow him to cancel the date with Maryland. He said the pressure by the home town folks was too strong. He had no objection but the supporters of the school couldn't stand to see a Negro eleven victorious.

Maryland played three white colleges and defeated all three and in the four interracial clashes so far this season the pale faces have come off the field on the short end of the scores. Mary- gained a 26-13 victory over Bridgeport, Conn., University at Bridgeport. It wasn't any easy victory as the white team scored 13 points in the second period.

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OUR ARGUMENT FOR YEARS and years has been that any of our first class Negro teams can defeat any white schools with the same male enrollment. You won't compare Earlham College of Indiana with Ohio State or Northwestern and you wouldn't compare Lake Forest University with Notre Dame, so for the love of heavens quit trying to compare Lincoln, Howard, Maryland, Morgan, Wilberforce, Tenn. State, Southern or Florida with them.

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YOU DON'T expect the same Statler Hotel service at Mary Jane's pig ankle joint by the railroad tracks where you spend two bits. If you want to follow some of the bigger schools follow them and keep your trap shut before your words **bounce back and enslave you. Otherwise the fellow who comes to your office and drops a fin for a prescription for a cold may decide to go to the other fellow too.** If he does, others might follow and you won't have the nickles and dimes for a football game ducat.

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Remember this little fellow Tom Casey of Pennsylvania who played brilliantly for Hampton Institute and was captain last year is shining for the New York Yankees along with Buddy Young? Tom has established an All America conference record for a run back of punts—94 yards.

We string along with the brethren every time.

Bernie Jefferson Signs With Team In Montreal

The Courier
11-27-48

By SAM MALTIN

MONTREAL — Bernie Jefferson, long-time favorite on American gridirons, was signed to bring his football talents to Montreal by the Montreal Alouettes of the Big Four, Canada's top grid loop. The fleet Negro halfback is spending the month of July in Michigan woods getting himself in trim before reporting here at the end of the month.

Jefferson will be reunited with an old friend in Herb Trawick, when he dons a Montreal uniform. Trawick, the former Pittsburgher, is making his permanent residence in Montreal and will be playing his third season for the local club.

Described as a triple-threat because of his ability to kick, pass and plunge, he earned football prominence while still at high school. Born in Grand Rapids, Mich., he made the all-star high school squad three years in a row. He entered Northwestern and starred as halfback for three years and received honorable mention in Bill Stern's All-American team the same year as he made the all-opponents squad selected by Michigan.

An all-round athlete, Jefferson has won recognition as an all-star basketball player and won a high-jumping championship.

The six-foot-one gridder more than matched his athletic prowess with his magnificent record in the last war. Veteran of fifty-six missions over Europe with the Army Air Force as a fighter pilot from 1942 to 1946, Lieut. Bernard Jefferson counts among his many decorations the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and Five Oak Leaf cluster.

Pittsburgh Pa
Sat 11-27-48

Dollars Cause Pro Grid Interest in Negro Stars

NEW YORK—(ANP) — The recent addition of a number of Negro players to big time pro football is not an indication of a change in heart on the part of the owners. It is an economic move — Negro players draw dollars.

But the method of selection of these players leaves a lot to be desired. For the most part the Negro players are accepted on the recommendation of their coaches and not as a result of solid scouting. Consequently, coaches with pat players who ran wild for old "Hogwash" are touted as top flight pros, which may not necessarily be true.

Play Tuskegee Here Thursday

Montgomery Advertiser

Hornets Have Dropped Last Four Games By One Touchdown

Wednesday 11-24-48
Montgomery Ala

A heavy downpour of rain prevented the Alabama State Hornets team going through their practice session yesterday, but the boys went inside and held a lengthy signal drill in preparation for their homecoming game with the Tuskegee Tigers here at Cramton Bowl Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

Alumni and friends are already pouring into the city from all sections of the country, including California and tickets are selling fast.

This fine show of support on the part of the Hornet faithfuls has put plenty of determination into the Hornets who are primed to keep the honors here in the Capitol City. The Hornets have suffered four straight setbacks and all were by single touchdown margin.

Particularly outstanding since early in October has been the Hornet line play. Captain Leo Fisher, a senior from Mexico, Missouri, has been a leader at right end on defense, and Curtis Parker, a slim 160-pound six footer from Phenix City, has held down left end well despite his lightness of weight. Parker has been subbing for Archie Shaw, the regular end from Fayette, who has been ailing for several weeks. Archie looks to take his job back on the big day and make up for lost time.

Wilson Sullivan of Walker County has turned out to be 210 pounds of tackling fury as he bids for regular tackle berth. Abraham Jenkins of Charleston, S. C., weighs only 178 but is pressed into action in fireman duty to rest the big boys at tackle. Lawrence Pressley is a nois 170 pounder at guard who has clung onto his starting position against stiff opposition from larger freshman boys out for the post. He is from Gadsden and is a 3-year man.

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Coaches have named no starting line, but it will probably consist of Fisher and Shaw, ends; Mims and Floyd, tackles; Green and L. Pressley, guards; and Craig, center. If the Hornets kick off, Oliver will start for Craig.

The entire Hornet team is in excellent physical condition for the battle, and several new tricks cooked up in the rain this week and last are ready for the Abbottmen.

The Tuskegee Tigers team took a week end off last Saturday, and although no word has come of secret weapons, Hornet coaches are prepping their boys for everything from a double quarterback play to a fake fumble with the center carrying the ball. Abbott is still foxy, and did not take a week end off for nothing.

Negro Trainer Given Tribute By Holly High

Tues 11-23-48
Montgomery Ala

HOLLY SPRINGS, MISS., Nov. 22 —(AP)— A Negro trainer who has been Holly High's foremost football rooter since 1910 will be honored with a day of his own Wednesday.

Tribute to the 60-year-old trainer will be paid at between-halves ceremonies at the Senatobia-Holly Springs clash here Thanksgiving eve — "Nat Brooks Day."

Brooks has watched over Holly Springs football teams for nearly 40 years, taping ankles, smoothing kinked muscles and worrying about football finances.

All this was, as the saying goes, "for free." Brooks never expected and never accepted pay for his duties as trainer.

And during depression years, when school athletic funds were often perilously low, Brooks personally solicited businessmen for money needed to buy the highly prized sweaters and varsity letters.

On one occasion, $150 was needed to charter a special bus for a distant game. City fathers hustled up $60 - but Brooks raked together $90 on his own.

Now a committee of high school boys is working to make "Nat Brooks Day" a big deal—with prizes and speeches. But the prize Brooks wants most of all is a football victory.

Senatobia may be in for a tough time.

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Cotton Bowl

SOMETHING WAS WON IN THIS TIE BALL GAME

Mon 1-5-48. New York, N.Y. Daily Worker

THE BOWL GAMES are over, but we know you'll pardon this action shot taken at Dallas, Texas, the afternoon a group of players from Southern Methodist and Penn State played to a thrilling tie but won quite a victory over Jimcrow. Above we see SMU's great Doak Walker eluding one Penn Stater before being halted by halfback Wally Triplett (in front of player down at left) in the first quarter. Triplett and lineman Denny Hoggard were two Negro players in the Penn lineup—the first Negro players to ever play in the Cotton Bowl. When the game ended, Hoggard and Triplett shook hands warmly with the members of the SMU squad, which had voted to invite the Nittany Lions and break the long history of bias in the southern Bowl games.

Penn State Rally Ties S. M. U. 13-13

The Courier-Journal

Louisville, Ky. Fri. 1-2-48

Lions Spot Mustangs 13-0 Lead And Then Take to Air In Cotton Bowl

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 1 (AP)—Penn State spotted Southern Methodist two touchdowns, then fought doggedly for a 13-13 tie here today in the 12th annual Cotton Bowl classic.

All-America Doak Walker sparked the Mustangs to a 13-0 lead, connecting on a long, high pass to Paul Page for 53 yards and a first quarter touchdown. Then he bulled through the line three yards for another late in the second period.

The Mustang star, celebrating his 21st birthday today, converted the extra point after the first touchdown. 1-2-48

The Lions—one of the few undefeated, untied teams in the country—came charging back after the kick off. With only 18 seconds to play in the second period, Elwood Petchel tossed a 37-yard scoring pass to Larry Cooney. Ed Cjekaj kicked the extra point.

AIR GAME

The Courier-Journal

A crowd of 47,000 watched Penn State use its devastating ground game to set up both its touchdowns, then switch to the air to score. Fri. 1-2-48

The second tally came just before the third period ended. Petchel connected this time with Wally Triplett deep in the Southern Methodist end zone on a play covering four yards. Cjekaj missed the extra point.

Penn State had been denied a touchdown three plays before it scored its final tally. The Lions drove to the one-inch line before Southern Methodist stiffened. Louisville, Ky.

SCORE

Southern Methodist, Southwest Conference champion, failed to come through with its aerial circus until late in the game, with Penn State, one of the leading exponents of ground attack, taking to the air.

The Mustangs scored the second time they gained the ball. Walker picked up 15 yards on the ground in this drive, then shot a high, long pass that Page caught on the dead run on the Penn State 13, scoring standing up. The Courier-Journal

The Ponies started to roll from their own 37-yard line for their second T.D. Fri 1-2-48

Frank Payne picked up two yards, then Johnson passed to Zohn Milam for eight. McKissick made three, then a Johnson to Howard Parker pass netted three. Louisville, Ky.

PASSING

On the next play McKissick drove through for a 19-yard gain. Walker cracked right tackle for the touchdown the next attempt.

Statistics

	S.M.U.	Penn St.
First downs	12	12
Net yards rushing	92	165
Net yards passing	114	93
Fordwards attempted	25	15
Forwards completed	11	7
Forwards intercepted	1	1
Number of punts	7	4
*Average distance of punts	33.1	33.4
Fumbles	3	2
Ball lost on fumbles	1	2
Number of penalties	1	3
Yards penalized	5	15

*From line of scrimmage.

The Courier-Journal

Penn State's Francis Rogel stole the show during the game's closing minutes. But on the Lions' first touchdown it was all Petchel. He pitched six passes, connecting on three of them with the last paying off.

The only two undefeated teams to meet a major bowl game lived up to advance notices, each displaying a rugged, smart brand of football. Louisville, Ky.

Walker closed his first full year with Southern Methodist in dazzling fashion. He had a net yardage of 56 yards on 18 carries and a 69-yard average on five completions out of nine passes.

Rogel topped backs on the ground, picking up 95 yards in 25 carries. Fri. 1-2-48

Penn St.	Pos.	S. Methodist.
Tamburo	L.E.	Reinking
Norton	L.T.	Etheridge
J. Drazenovich	L.G.	Lewis
Wolosky	C.	Baxter
Suhey	R.G.	Cook
Nolan	R.T.	Hamberger
Potsklan	R.E.	Haliday
C. Drazenovich	Q.B.	Ramsey
Joe	L.H.	Walker
Durokota	R.H.	Page
Triplett	F.B.	Sullivan

Penn State	0	7	6	0—13
Southern Methodist	7	6	0	0—13

Penn State scoring: Touchdowns—Cooney (for Durkota), Triplett

Point after touchdown: Czekaj.

Southern Methodist scoring: Touchdowns—Page, Walker.

Point after touchdown: Walker.

Substitutions: Penn State—Ends, Cjekaj, Hicks, Hoggard, Bell; tackles, Finley, Kyle, Murray; guards, Simon, Kelly, Ross; center, Beatty; backs, Colone, Williams, Rogel, Petchel, Cooney, Gorinski, Ulinski, Luther, LaFleur.

Southern Methodist — Ends, Folsom Blakely, Milam, Wallace; tackles, J. Halliday, King, Kill; guards, Pechal, Roberds centers, Sutphin, Goodwin; backs, McKissick, Green H. Parker, Moon, Payne G. Johnson, Pulatti.

Penn State, SMU Battle To 13-13 Tie at Dallas

Daily Worker New York, N.Y.

Fri. 1-2-48

DALLAS, Jan. 1 (UP).—Unbeaten Southern Methodist and Penn State battled to a 13-13 deadlock today in the 12th annual renewal of the Cotton Bowl football classic before 45,500 shivering fans. The Methodists' Gil Johnson had the jammed saucer in re-

spectful silence as the final, breathless seconds ran out, passing prayerfully in all di-rections. But time ran out with Penn State taking over n its own 39 for a desperate but navailing passing spree after bat-ng down three passes and squelch-g Paul Page in his tracks when e hauled in a short four-yarder om Big Gil.

SMU's All-America Doak Walker proved his mettle. The Doaker passed to Ed Green for a first period touchdown, and returned to carry the ball over for a second quarter score. Walker kicked the SMU extra point, after the first touchdown, and missed a great chance to sew up the victory by having his second try deflected.

Penn State's Ed Czekah had, and missed, a similar opportunity. His second kick for the extra point, as Walker's did, went astray.

State scored in the second period on a 32 yard pass and run play, with Larry Cooney going the final 13 yards after taking an aerial from Elwood Pechel. Pechel delivered again in the third period, with a pass from the SMU 5 to Bob Triplett in the end zone.

It was the third tie in Cotton Bowl history. The previous ones were in 1944 when Randolph Field and University of Texas played a 7-7 draw and last New Year's when LSU and Arkansas battled to a 0-0 stalemate. Fri 1-2-48

SCORE BY PERIODS

Southern Methodist	7	6	0	0—13
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Touchdowns: Green, Walker, Cooney, Triplett. Points after touchdown: Walker, Czekaj.

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Daily Worker

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New York N.Y.

NEGRO STAR WINS TEXAS PLAUDITS

The historic Cotton Bowl game, with an inter-racial team playing football in Texas for the first time, at the invitation of the Southern Methodist players, was termed by the announcer one of the cleanest hard-fought games ever played. There were a minimum of penalties, with none at all for roughness or clipping. Wally Triplett, one of the two Negro players on the Penn State team, drew plaudits for his fine play. He played practically the entire game on offense and defense, took a pass for the tying touchdown and stood out on pass defense.

Triplett Gives Penn State Tie In Cotton Bowl Grid Game

Chicago Def.

Chicago Defender

Sat 1-10-48

DALLAS-- History was made in the South on New Year's day. For the first time, a Negro played against a white major college team in the Lone Star State. For the first time a Negro player played with a white team against a white team in the state and in the Cotton bowl.

The crowd of 47,000 saw the 12th annual Cotton Bowl New Year's game between Penn State College and Southern Methodist University of this city.

The crowd also witnessed the cleanest game in the history of the 12 contests, not a penalty being called for roughness or even for holding.

WALLACE TRIPLETT

Wallace Triplett, starting halfback for Penn State and who did the kicking off for the Easterners, was the hero of the game as far as the 3,000 Penn State rooters, including the governor, who journeyed here for the contest.

TIES THE SCORE

Triplett, with his team trailing, came through for Coach Bob Higgins in the third period.

Triplett leaped into the air to snare Elwood Petchel's third down pass from the 26 on the one and stepped over the goal line for the touchdown and the points which tied the knot 13-13.

The game remained that way until the end after Czekaj missed the extra point which would have won the game. The officials conferred a few seconds before declaring the try was wide of the upright.

Dennie Hoggard, a Philadelphia and fellow townsman of Triplett's as well as the son of a minister who is a former member of the Penn. State Legislature, was sent into the game in the third period.

BOTH TEAMS GAME

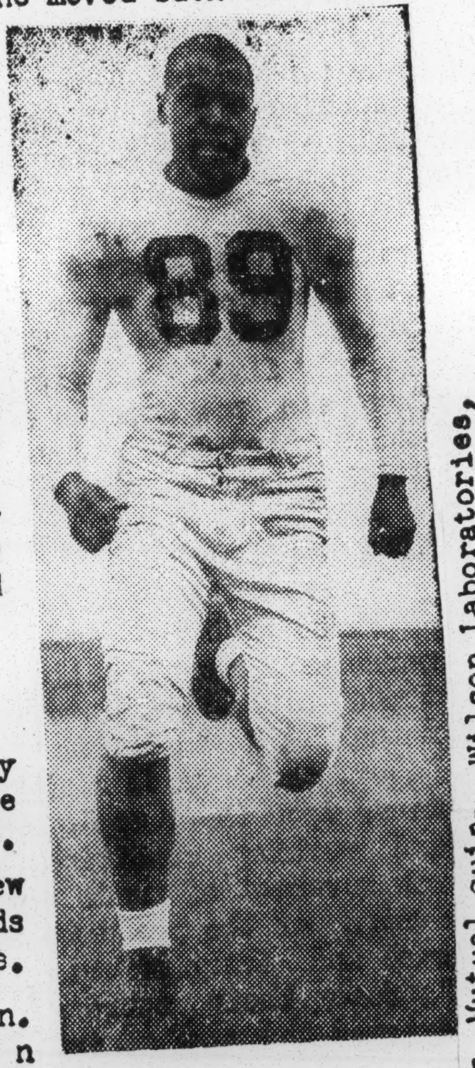
There wasn't any intention to settle this game with a tie. Both quarterbacks threw caution to the winds and gambled on passes.

The crowd hung on. All seats had been sold and those holding standing room sat in the aisles. Even the bands were forced down on the field alongside the player's benches.

Then came the most dramatic finish of any football game in history.

Penn State had the ball on S. M. U.'s 36. There was time for only ONE play. Penn must make it if they were to win.

Petchel took the pass from center and moved to his left, found himself hemmed in and unable to pass. He moved back and forward and finally found Dennie Hoggard in the clear in the end zone.



DENNIE HOGGARD

Back went Petchel's arm and away went the ball like a rifle bullet. It shot past two S.M.U. players who were making a desperate attempt to get to knock it down.

The ball hit Hoggard in the chest and bounded out of his reach. Dennie's chance to be Penn State's hero faded.

UNITY MUTUAL LEADS INDUSTRIAL KEGLERS

Unity Mutual quintet leads the National division of the Wabash Y Industrial league with three wins and no losses as the old year went out. Wilson and Co. are in second place with two victories and one defeat. Wilson Laboratories, Swift and Link Belt trail in order.

Dallas Okays Oregon's Use of Its Stellar Duo

The Afro American

Sat. 12-4-1948 Baltimore

Southern Methodist Willing to Face 2 Colored Stars; Met Penn State Last Year

Sat. 12-11-1948

DALLAS, Tex.—For the second year in succession, football fans of this city will see colored college players in their beloved New Year's Day Cotton Bowl football extravaganza.

Sat. 12-4-1948

Bowl officials announced early this week that the University of Oregon had accepted an invitation to meet Southern Methodist in the annual classic here Jan. 1.

Oregon has three colored players, two of whom are regulars and virtually sure of making the trip. They are Chester (Chet) Daniels, a 200-pound guard and placement specialist, and Woody Lewis, a 192-pound halfback speedster from Los Los Angeles, Cal.

Reserve End Won't Go

A third player, Winn Wright, is a reserve end. But school officials told the AFRO Monday afternoon that is improbable that Wright will be among the 37 players who will come here for the game.

Athletic Director Leo Harris, of Oregon, told Cotton Bowl officials that the school "is very proud and happy to have been invited and acceptance is a foregone conclusion."

It was known throughout the nation that Coach Jim Aiken, of the Webfoot squad, and his associates at Oregon were sorely disappointed at losing the Rose Bowl bid to California. And the bid to the New Year's Day show here served as somewhat of a balm.

Place-Kicking Star

Daniels, 23-year-old junior from Bellair, Ohio, is the team's place-kicking artist. He handles the point-after-touchdown chores for the high-scoring Oregon eleven and kicked the season's only field goal in the Oregon State game to aid in the team's 10-0 victory.

Lewis, while not figuring directly in Oregon's sensational scoring record for the year, contributed largely to the offensive mark set by the Westerners. He gained a total of 476 yards rushing for an average of 4.8 yards per try. He operates from the left halfback slot in Coach Aiken's clever "T" formation.

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In last year's Cotton Bowl contest, Wally Triplett and Dennie Hoggard were members of the Penn State eleven which met and tied the same SMU Mustangs, 14-14.

The appearance of the Oregon duo here, therefore, does not provoke fears that any untoward incident will materialize as a result of their presence in an otherwise white contest.

Hoggard's Last Bid For Fame Is Stymied

Norfolk va.

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By THOMAS W. YOUNG

Journal + Guide

DALLAS, Tex.—For two brief seconds, which in their agonizing tenseness seemed like an eternity, Dennie Hoggard stood in the doorway of fame and looked down the long hallway of Immortality. But then the door slammed shut in his face.

Hoggard, 6-foot, 185-pound son of a Philadelphia minister who is also a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature, walked dejectedly across the bright green turf of the Fair Grounds Oval here to the dressing room with his Penn State College football teammates. The cheers and applause of an overflowing crowd of 47,500 told them that their gallant uphill fight to tie the score at 13-all would live long in the memory of Texas gridiron fans.

But in their hearts was the disappointment of a sensational, story-book victory in this New Year Day Cotton Bowl game against Southern Methodist University, denied them by the gods of chance. For had Dennie Hoggard been able to hold on to that last, desperate forward pass into the end zone with only two seconds left to play, the Nittany Lions, unbeaten and untied in the regular season, could have preserved their perfect record.

DRAMATIC EVENT

At that, it was one of the rarest gridiron dramas on record. The participation in Dallas, Tex., of two Negro members of Penn State's team in a major bowl game against a Texas college steeped in the traditional taboos of the South, was in itself a sufficient triumph for the Pennsylvania institution which had insisted on and obtained promises of equal treatment for its colored players before accepting the Mustangs' invitation to p[illegible] in the Cotton Bowl.

The brilliant, heads-up pla[illegible]ing of Wallace Triplett, the other colored member of the Nittany Lions, at halfback during most of the game, was an inspiration to the handful of Negroes lucky enough to get inside the stadium.

Smearing Mustang runners charging into his territory, breaking up forward passes, booting all but one of his team's kick-offs, blocking out enemy tacklers as his backfield mates drove for consistent gains, receiving forward passes, one of them for a touchdown, and electrifying the crowd as he carried the ball on reverses or, as happened late in the last quarter, in the bewhiskered Statue of Liberty play, the 21-year old 169-pound halfback from La-Mott, Pa., was one of the day's outstanding performers.

FATE WAS FICKLE

Fate cooperated partially, although it wouldn't smile on Hoggard as he grabbed for that last forward heave of the day. It was Triplett who had sneaked behind the whole Southern Methodist team late in the third quarter and caught the forward pass from Elwood Petchel that evened the score at 13-13.

That play climaxed as sound a campaign as this New Year Day produced. Penn State had depended almost solely on her ground game in the first half. Even on third down with seven or eight yards to go, the Nittany Lions had declined to use the forward pass.

LIONS SCORE

Penn State had driven right down to the Mustang's 1-foot line but had lost the ball there on downs. Petchel's 25-yard punt return put the Lions right back in scoring position on the 9. Coach Higgins rushed Hoggard, an [illegible] pass receiver, in at end. While the Mustangs kept their eyes on Hoggard and other eligible Lion pass receivers, Francis Rogel cracked the line for five yards in two tries.

On the next play, Petchel dropped back as Hoggard and other pass receivers drew the defenders out of position. Triplett ran from his right wingback position around behind the whole Southern Methodist team and snared a bullet pass in the deep left corner of the end zone. That knotted up the score at 13-all, but Ed Czelaj's placement was wide and Penn State missed a chance to take the lead.

In the closing minutes the game was opened up all the way as both teams tossed forwards madly trying to break the deadlock. The Lions had the last chance when they took the ball on downs on their own 39 with only 20 seconds left to play.

Again Coach Higgins rushed Hoggard into the lineup. Petchel's first pass was batted down by Earl Cook, and his next one, aimed at Triplett who had just entered the fray, was knocked down by Dick McKissack. Time was running out: a mere 10 seconds remained.

The next play used up almost all of that as Petchel rifled a forward to Bob Hicks who carried to the Mustang 37. Penn State players frantically called time out to stop the swiftly moving hands of the clock. Just two seconds—time for one more play—remained.

The ball was near left sideline. Petchel took it from the center and weaved back and toward the other side of the field. As he reached the midfield stripe two Southern Methodist players closed in and seemed certain to nail him to the turf. But the elusive halfback shook loose.

Back, back, back he retreated; then, in a burst of speed, raced all the way over to the right sideline and leaped into the air. Time had run out on him. This was it . . . the last play. While still suspended in the air, Petchel whipped the pigskin down the field and over the goal line.

Both Penn State and Southern Methodist players were bunched over in the right hand corner of the end zone waiting for the ball. Hoggard had raced down the sideline and gotten behind the Mustang defenders. The ball whipped through the three Mustang's flailing arms and hit Hoggard as he made a desperate lunge through the air to grab it.

That would have been his hour of triumph. Down the long hallway to immortality the path was dimly lit. Dennie Hoggard could not find his way, and the door to Fame shut tight against him as the ball fell to the truf . . . an incompleted forward pass.

The vast throng had stayed for this final play, because the outcome was in doubt right up to the final gun. Their cheers and shouts of exultation rent the chill January air. In all the excitemen[illegible] few persons saw another s[illegible] gesture enacted after the [illegible] over.

But to this scribe, one of four Negro reporters accorded the finest accommodations at the disposal of Cotton Bowl officials in the steam-heated, enclosed press box high up on the 50-yard line, it beamed the ray of hope for a greater victory in the South over a more stubborn opponent.

A Southern Methodist player walked over to Hoggard and shook his hand. Two other Texans, Paul Page and All-American halfback Doak Walker, came up to Triplett, their hands extended in friendly greeting, to congratulate him.

The other players walked briskly down the long gridiron to the shower room. A Southern Methodist player came over and walked beside Triplett.

"We had a pretty tough time getting loose today, didn't we," he said to the Philadelphia lad as he shook hands. It was Dick Reinking, Southern Methodist end, whom Triplett had covered all afternoon as the Mustangs tried to get their vaunted forward pass offensive rolling.

Dallas went back to work Friday as usual. There were no riots, no reverberations, no incidents to mar the splendid performance of the players. The Texans had voted Penn State their choice of an opponent for the New Year Day game, and indicated their willingness to play against the two colored boys on the team. They fulfilled their end of the bargain.

In Philadelphia where he had flown immediately after the game, Triplett told the Journal and Guide Friday morning that the Mustangs were "undoubtedly the finest bunch I have played against all year."

Among the spectators at the game was Dennie Hoggard's mother who had made the trip from Philadelphia to see her son help make gridiron history.

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General

Lincoln Cage Team Playing Games With White Colleges

Nashville Globe

Nashville Tenn

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 11, 1948—In keeping with the racial philosophy presently sweeping the country, Lincoln University (Mo.) through its scheduling of athletic events, is lending its bit to dispelling interracial barriers. The Varsity basketball team has already engaged in four games with white college teams for each of which this was the initial experience of his type. The first two of these games is believed to have been the first basketball games played between white and Negro colleges in Iowa. Other games have been played between mixed schools, but they were scheduled as exhibition games, while those with Lincoln were regularly scheduled games and played on a home and home basis.

William Penn College of Oscaloosa, Ia., is the home opponent with the Lincoln varsity team on Dec. 11. It is the prediction of Coach William Exum that Lincoln will play many more interracial games in the future, including games with Missouri schools.

Commenting on the treatment received by the team on the two-day trip into Iowa, Coach Exum said, "We were treated exceptionally nice, but there was no chance for us to believe that it was done especially for us. It seemed that it was their normal way of treating guests." The coverage given the game by the Iowa press was of a high quality.

Lincoln won its opener with William Penn College on December 2 by a score of 45-33, losing the next two games to Central College, Pella, Ia., and Eastern Illinois State College at Charleston, Ill.

Levi's Election Brings Memories of Bill Lewis

Pittsburgh Courier

Sat 12-25-48

BOSTON—(ANP)—Although Levi Jackson's election as captain of Yale's 1949 football team marks the first time a Negro has headed a Big Three team in history, this is not the first time a colored player has led a team on the field.

Pittsburgh, Pa

Way back in 1893 on Thanksgiving Day, William H. Lewis, now a noted Boston attorney, captained Harvard against Penn when the regular captain was absent. In fact Lewis, who studied law at Harvard, was picked for Walter Camp's All-American team as center rush in 1892 and 1893.

In reporting the action in that Harvard-Penn game, a reporter in The Boston Globe wrote:

"Harvard's phenomenal center, plucky and honest Lewis, who captained the eleven in yesterday's game in the absence of Waters (the regular captain) played himself into the hearts of every Harvard man yesterday.

"The work of Lewis was nothing short of marvelous. He went into the game weighing 168 pounds. He faced a man weighing twenty-two pounds more than he did, yet it seemed as if that big black, curly-head of Harvard's center rush was in every play.

"He was all the time encouraging his players, and for hardly a minute did he stop talking. When the ball was down on Pennsylvania's five- and ten-yard line, you could hear Lewis as he bent over the ball shouting, 'Now, fellows, we must score.'

"As the battle went on and Harvard's leader continued to work with phenomenal energy, his strength was severely taxed. Several times he had to stop from sheer exhaustion, but he could play it out and he did."

Commenting on Lewis in a recent issue of The St. Louis Post-Dispatch, the sports column, Wray's column, said:

"Fifty-six years ago a Harvard Negro football player, William H. Lewis, the Crimson center, was named by Walter Camp on his All-America of 1892 . . . and Lewis was awarded the same honor the following year.

"Lewis, still earlier, had gained great prestige at Amherst College, where he played center rush with some distinction . . . His fame spread throughout New England which then constituted just about the entire football world of that day.

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"He went to Harvard later to take a post-graduate course in law and for his two years at Cambridge he was head and shoulders above all rivals in the center position."

CHEERS FOR YALE

Harvard and Yale Fire Hopes of U. S. Negroes By Lowering Race Bars

Pittsburgh Courier

BY JOSEPH D. BIBB

(The views expressed in this column are those of the writer and do not necessarily express the editorial opinion of The Pittsburgh Courier—The [illegible])

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YALE'S blue and the crimson of Harvard are flying high in the American skies as their historic colors are unfurled with Levi Jackson, captain-elect of Eli's football crew, and Frank Jones the next manager of John Harvard's [illegible] squad.

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mr. Bibb

When news of this action was flashed over the land, the hopes of colored Americans were lifted. Eyes were fixed on new horizons. New vistas were envisioned and the souls of fifteen million under-privileged people were electrified.

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YALE'S SPLENDID action and Harvard's unprecedented procedure have much more significance than the average reader can contemplate. The recognition and honors conferred upon Levi Jackson and Frank Jones foretell the crumbling and breaking down of educational hazards and hindrances. These are incidents of ice-breaking precedence. Such are far cries from the narrow policies of yesteryear when colored lads were barred from certain dormitories at Harvard and were snubbed and insulted at Yale.

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There was a time, well within the memory of this writer, when colored students at Harvard and Yale were shunned and avoided like lepers. They were not accepted upon a basis of brotherhood or fraternity. They were deemed pariahs and untouchables. They were not encouraged to register. They were accorded frozen treatment in the lecture rooms. Some were given the cruel "Coventry" test—that is of leaving them severely alone and condemning them to ostracism and social solitude. All of this is now changed.

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THE CHANGE is revolutionary. There was a time when only the Harvard students, whose forebears charted some of the "Mayflower" trips, who lived on the Gold Coast in Cambridge, Mass., and who sported raccoon coats, could make the football teams. And their names generally sounded like Warren, Coolidge, Trumbull or Choate. The only role a colored lad could play would be that of a flunky in a fraternity house.

Yale was much worse and made no bones about it. Colored students dared not even hope to engage in athletics. The blue colors of Eli were not for us. But Levi Jackson and an enlightened athletic association have changed all that. Levi will be the next captain of the Blue team. And the stands will sing "Boola Boola" for him.

The doors are swinging ajar for us. The silk stockings and blue noses of Harvard and Yale are either converts to a new order of affairs or they are overwhelmingly overruled. This slow, arduous task in our struggle is beginning to pay. There is joy. There is hope. There is ecstacy. Hail the Harvard Crimson! Three cheers for the Blue of Yale!

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NOT ONLY Levi Jackson and Frank Jones are names in the news, but Tom Gibbs, the swarthy lad from Evanston, Ill., made the front pages when the exclusive Greek-letter fraternity, Phi Kappa Psi, recently voted and admitted him to membership at Amherst.

These are soul-stirring incentives. They electrify us and galvanize us into sterner efforts and tell of smoother paths and easier roads. They bring shame to institutions like Northwestern University, which has been branded for firing a teacher because of "liberal attitudes" towards "Negroes" and "Jews."

Medical schools that either prohibit colored students or invoke "quota systems," will be advised of the new departure at Harvard and Yale. And prejudice will be given a boot in many remote spots because of the newfound moralities disclosed upon the arenas of sport.

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DEMOCRACY is finding remarkable expression in the realm of athletics. It would be expected to spring first from regions purely academic, but "God works in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform."

Far-reaching and prophetic, indeed, are the glories of Jones, Jackson and Gibbs. A new day dawns over the intellectual skies. New hopes surge up, but humility and contriteness should be the controlling impulses. May God bless the football squad at Yale, the Harvard Athletic Association and the enlightened fraternity at Amherst. Speaking for colored Americans, I say, "We are most humbly grateful."

Towler Near All-Time Scoring Mark

Afro-American

WASHINGTON, Pa. — Deacon Dan Towler, Washington and Jefferson College back, ran his season's point total to 133 by scoring three touchdowns and kicking one extra point as the Presidents dropped a 26-25 football thriller to Ohio Wesleyan here Saturday.

TOWLER

Towler, a speedster from Donora, came within one point of tying the accepted NCAA record of 134 points set in 1941 by the University of Virginia's Bill Dudley. Towler's points came on 20 touchdowns and 13 conversions.

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The versatile native Pennsylvanian was easily the mainstay of the W. and J. squad during the season just closed.

In addition to handling the running chores, Dan, who is a divinity student, passed and kicked on occasion. He was also charged with the conversion duties.

Followers of the President recall the feats of Washington and Jefferson's previous tan star, Charley West, now a practicing physician in Alexandria, Va. West, a halfback, played in the 1922 Rose Bowl game with the locals.

Motley Scores Twice as Browns Triumph

Afro American

Baltimore Maryland

NEW YORK (NNPA)—Paced by Marion Motley, who turned in the longest scoring run of the game, the Cleveland Browns thumped the New York Yankees, 34-21, at Yankee Stadium, Sunday, despite the brilliant offensive work of Buddy Young and Spec Sanders and the defensive efforts of Tom Casey before 49,981 fans.

Fans had hardly settled in their seats when Motley romped 78 yards for a touchdown. Motley took a pitchout from Otto Graham on the 22-yard line after four minutes of play in the first quarter and was off to paydirt.

With three burly Cleveland Browns running in front of him, Motley streaked down the right sidelines to the Browns' 35-yard line, cut over to the center of the field as he crossed the 40-yard stripe and went into the end zone going away as he cut back to the right sidelines.

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Knot Count at 14-All

After Motley scored and the Browns converted they came right back in the first quarter and added another TD for good measure, through a pass interception on the 11-yard line and a rush from the one-yard marker by Edgar Jones.

The Yanks then got into the ball game, scoring once on a pass from the Yankee 29 to Bruce Alford and again a few minutes later when End Otto Schnellbacher took a Brown pass out of the air on his own 34 and danced his way 66 yards to score. The Yankee's Harvey Johnson stopped before the uprights each time and booted the ball squarely for his 69th and 70th consecutives conversions to knot the score at 14-all.

Tom Casey made his first appearance in the lineup on the next kickoff but the rude Mr. Motley greeted him with a 33-yard return of the Yankee kickoff from his own two to his own 35. The Browns then added three points on a field goal from the Yankee 33-yard line after runs by Motley and Graham had advanced it to that point.

Young Runs 31 Yards

With the score 17-14 and the Browns leading, Buddy Young began to show his greatness. He fumbled the next kickoff on his six-yard line and then picked it up to run 31 yards through the Browns, only to have the drive he had started bog down.

The Browns then took the ball, and after Motley had bulled his way to the 12-yard line, Bob Cowan went over for another touchdown and Lou Groza's kick made it 24-14.

Receiving the next kickoff with time running out for the half, the Yanks then tried a desperate pass and an interception found the Browns knocking on the goal line door again from the seven-yard line. They actually did make the TD but a Brown was off side and the play was called back with a half minute to go before the half. The burly Browns then decided to settle for three more points and Groza booted one between the uprights to make it 27-14.

Motley Scores Again

Young and Sanders really got going in the second half, alternating on a drive that carried to the Browns' 33, but as soon as they lost the ball Graham found Horace Gillom with a long pass from the 34-yard line to the Yankee 12 and from that point the amazing Mr. Motley ploughed his way for his second score of the day with the right side of the Yankee line clinging to him. Groza did the usual and it was 34-14.

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On the next kickoff to the Yanks Buddy took the ball on his own goal line and scooted his way in and around the big Browns down to their 34-yard line on the most beautiful, if not the longest run of the day. On the run, Bill Willis, stellar Cleveland guard, met Buddy in midfield, lowered his head and opened his arms to embrace him and clasped an armful of empty air — Young had sidestepped him perfectly.

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This effort of Young's went for naught however, for the Yanks soon lost the ball again, but late in the fourth quarter Sanders found Buddy for a 12-yard pass and after two more passes moved the oval to the one-yard line. Bob Kennedy cracked over for a tally to make it 34-21 where it remained.

Mauling Marion was the Browns' winning difference, scoring twice, gaining 75 yards in 10 trys.

On the Mixed Grids

Afro American

Baltimore Maryland

Tracing the activity among tan players in mixed collegiate football over the past week end:

Custis Sparkles

NEW YORK — Emulating the late Wilmeth Sidat-Singh when that brilliant Syracuse passing artist tossed a last-minute victory over Cornell, Bernie Custis, current star of the Orange, came within a shade of tying, and possibly beating, Columbia here Saturday. The Lions won, 34-28, in one of the most electric contests of the season.

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Custis, 19-year-old Philadelphian, figured in all the Syracuse touchdowns, either passing or running the ball into position for George Davis to tally each time. At one point, he dashed 43 yards with a kickoff; at another, he sprinted 36 yards, and at still another he turned a trek of 44 yards. In the meantime, he was sandwiching in passes of 17, 29, 51, 38 and 33 yards to amaze the 20,000 customers.

Columbia's Al Cannon saw brief action at right end but Horace Morris, still suffering from a two-weeks-old injury, did not play.

But It Was Pryor

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — Bucky Hatchett scored the only touchdown credited to Rutgers' tan trio here Saturday but it remained for Hank Pryor to turn in the afternoon's most scintillating run in the Scarlet's 28-19 win over Fordham.

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Pryor and Harvey Grimsley figured in two of the payoff drives, and the former electrified the crowd of 10,000 with a 78-yard kickoff return before being run out of bounds on the Fordham 25.

Yale's Negro Captain Doesn't Set Precedent

The Union

(By LEN BRYER)

Cincinnati Ohio

They're raisng a lot of furore over east over the election of Levi Jackson as Yale's 1949 football captain.

Why should that be a sensation? True, he's the first Negro to be named football captain at Yale.

But he isn't the first to captain a major college football team nor even the first to captain a member of the Big Three.

Bill Lewis captained Harvard as far back as 1893. Of course it was only for one game. And he wasn't elected, but appointed.

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Bert Waters was Harvard's captain that year. So severely injured that he couldn't play in the final game against Penn, Waters named Lewis to captain the Crimson that day. But he'd already been elected captain at Amherst in 1890 before transferring to Harvard.

Lewis was a center and a great one. The late Walter Camp placed him on his All-American teams in 1892 and 1893 and for many years after that compared great centers with him.

There have been many great Negro stars in college football. Duke Slater was one of the greatest tackles in history of Iowa. Oze Simmons was quite a halfback for the Hawkeyes too. Marion Motley, star Cleveland Brown fullback, was elected captain at Nevada before entering the Navy. Homer Harris, an end, also starred at Iowa.

Fritz Pollard, Paul Robeson, Bill Bell, Deacon Bill Willis, Johnny Riddle, Kenny Washington, Jackie Robinson, Brice Taylor, Brud Holland, and many others have played great college football.

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In the old days it used to be tough for a Negro to even make a varsity team. He had to be better than his rivals for the post to even have a chance. That's still true in the south. But northern schools have come to judge Negro athletes by their ability rather than their color. Which is as it should be.—The Columbus Citizen.

Doak Walker Set For a Big Season

New York Star

Wed 9-29-48

Here's another memo for your All-America football file:

Doak Walker of Southern Methodist, Charley (Choo Choo) Justice of North Carolina, George Taliaferro of Indiana and Jackie Jensen of California top a host of potential All-America backs to keep an eye on next Saturday as the third week-end of the collegiate football season unwinds.

New York N.Y.

Walker is on the move again. This triple threat quarterback of S.M.U.'s mighty Mustangs, undisturbed by an avalanche of national publicity that could make a pumpkin out of the levelest of heads, warmed up to his 1948 task against Pittsburgh last Saturday by throwing one touchdown pass, catching another one and racing 76 yards on a punt return for a third as the Mustangs crushed Pittsburgh, 33 to 14.

To make it a true Walker performance, deadly Doak also booted a pair of points after touchdown.

There is no justice like the chugging Choo Choo from Carolina. Not even his wing-ding performance of '46, before trick defenses began to baffle him in '47, matched Charley's superb efforts against Texas as the Tar Heels beat the Longhorns, 34 to 7.

Passing for two and running for two, he figured in most of North Carolina's touchdown production in the upset of the year—to last week, at any rate.

Indiana's crack Negro back, Taliaferro, was just as effective, scoring three touchdowns including one 68-yard dash on a punt return in a 35 to 7 upset over Wisconsin.

Jensen, California star in the opener a week ago, failed to score against Navy, but his crashing fullbacking was a vital factor in the 337 yards the Bears piled up by rushing. He can hit and he's a jackrabbit in the open field.

While these four are leaders, there's a wide range to choose from.

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Quarterback Bob De Moss of Purdue set up all but one of his team's four touchdowns against Notre Dame with his rifling passes—but an interception gave the Irish the winning margin, 28 to 27.

Don Burson of Northwestern, a dancing quarterback, led the 19 to 0 route of U.C.L.A. Fullback Lou Kusserow of Columbia scored three against rugged Rutgers and Yale's Levi Jackson scored three against Brown. Bobby Jack Stuart of Army, a right half, scored once and ran like the wind against Villanova.

The linemen, as usual, present a blurry picture but standouts last week included:

Ends—Dick Rifenburg of Michigan, Raleigh Blakely of S.M.U. and Jim Martin of Notre Dame.

Tackles—John Goldsberry, Indiana and Leo Nomellini, Minnesota.

Guards—Bernie Watts, North Carolina State; Charley Klemovich, Columbia; Herb Seigert, Illinois and Mike Dimitro, U.C.L.A.

Centers—Don Duncan, California and Alex Sarkisian, Northwestern.

CLEVELAND BROWNS' BIG FIVE SLATED TO PLAY AGAINST YANKEES

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Center Frank Gatski, Quaterback Otto Graham and Bob Cowan, Marion Motley and Edgar Jones, other backfield stars, who will be in the line-up at the Stadium on Sunday.

The New York Times

Gene Derricotte to Lead Michigan's Grid Powerhouse

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Pittsburgh, Pa.

By WILL ROBINSON

Gene Derricotte of Defiance, Ohio holds the key to the University of Michigan's hope of successfully defending its Big Nine and Rose Bowl championships, for the speedy runner is slated to take over the all-important tailback position in the Wolverines' tricky single wing formation on the offensive team of the two-team unit that has been in operation for the past two seasons.

Benny Oosterbaan who moved up to head coach succeeding Fritz Crisler, now devoting all of his time to athletic director duties, again will employ an offensive and defensive "first team" combination of twenty-two players. Derricotte performed in the defensive unit last season, alternating with departed All-American Bob Chappuis.

The elusive hard-running senior compiled an average of 25 yards per try for punt returns while playing in this safety role and was regarded by Crisler as the best safety man he has ever seen or coached in his long football tenure.

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Rated as one of the Nation's finest collegiate ball carriers, Gene will get the passing chore as an added regular assignment in playing the offensive tailback position. The responsibility will not be new, and Gene will not be a novice at the art of pitching passes as he broke into Michigan's regular backfield as a freshman during the war before entering the service.

Derricotte holds the distinction of being the first Negro gridder to ever play in the backfield in the history of the Maize and Blue.

The traditional kick-off for the Western Conference practice this week, with 585 selected candidates reporting for practice at the nine universities, gives the squads twenty-one sessions in which to get ready for the coming campaign which opens Sept. 25.

The following is a school-by-school line-up of squad strength with last year's conference record in parenthesis:

ILLINOIS (3-3): 75-man squad, 27 lettermen, four regulars. Coach Ray Eliot beginning seventh season.

INDIANA (2-3-1): 57-man squad, 20 lettermen, five regulars. Coach Clyde B. Smith beginning first season.

IOWA (2-3-1): 66-man squad, 23 lettermen, six regulars. Coach Eddie Anderson beginning seventh season.

MICHIGAN (6-0): 64-man squad, 22 lettermen, six regulars. Bennie G. Oosterbaan beginning first season.

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MINNESOTA (3-3): 70-man squad, 37 lettermen, nine regulars. Coach Bernie Bierman beginning fourteenth season.

NORTHWESTERN (2-4): 55-man squad, 25 lettermen, nine regulars. Coach Bob Voights beginning second season.

OHIO STATE (1-4-1): 60-man squad, 31 lettermen, six regulars. Coach Wes Fesler beginning second season.

PURDUE (3-3): 69-man squad, 20 lettermen, 10 regulars. Coach Stu Holcomb beginning second season.

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WISCONSIN (3-2-1): 71-man squad, 25 lettermen, nine regulars. Coach Harry Stuhldreher beginning thirteenth season.

Tan Aces in Navy Title Grid Game

Afro American

Baltimore, Md.

NORFOLK, Va. (NNPA) — The All-Navy Bowl game here last Saturday, deciding the service championship, attracted 20,000 fans and was won by the Quantico (Va.) Marines over the San Diego (California) Marines, 20 to 0.

The game was notable because of complete sportsmanship by fans and players toward two colored stars on the West Coast outfit.

They were Halfbacks Walter Tolliver and Joseph Delgardo. Fans gave them nice rounds of applause and his own teammates surrounded Tolliver when he left the field after an amazing display of defensive ability. In the last half, Tolliver made four consecutive bone-crushing tackles, twice moving across to the right from his left-halfback spot to do so.

His coach followed him to the bench and shook his hand.

Delgardo was notable for his running, although he made no outstanding gain.

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Native of Dallas

Tolliver is a 20-year-old native of Dallas, Texas. He stands 5 feet, 10 inches, and weighs 185 pounds. Delgardo hails from Los Angeles, stands 5 five, 10 inches, and tips the scales at only 140 pounds.

The proceeds from the game went to the March-of-Dimes and the Navy Relief Society.

Seating on Forman Field's east side, unreserved, was non-segregated. Tolliver and Delgardo were present at Saturday night's dance and reception at the Norfolk Naval Base for the teams. Their dates were Misses Mary V. Ranson, a Washingtonian now on the Norfolk Journal and Guide reportorial staff, and Miss Leah Baker, also Guide staffer. Miss Ranson is a graduate of Ohio State University and Miss Baker of Virginia State College.

Kenny Washington Rings Down Glorious Grid Career on Coast

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By HERMAN HILL

LOS ANGELES—Kenny Washington, legendary Coast football hero, bid a fond adieu to football Sunday at Memorial Coliseum as the Los Angeles Rams licked the Pittsburgh Steelers, 31-14.

Officially designated by Mayor Fletcher Bowron as "Kenny Washington Day," the "Kingfish" bowed out in grand style by turning in a superb exhibition on both defense and offense. Although not scoring, Washington was the leading ground-gainer for the Rams in the stubbornly contested game.

At half-time, the Kenny Washington Day Committee, chaired by Bill Schroeder, Helms Athletic Foundation director, presented the former UCLA All-American with a brand new Ford, a substantial bank account for his youngster's college education, a trophy and a television set.

TEAMMATES GIVE WATCH

His Ram teammates donated him an inscribed watch, and a group of youngsters from El Centro, who won the touch-football championship of that city, presented him with a sport shirt and a crate of lettuce. Rube Samuelson, Pasadena sports editor and president of the Football Writers Association of America, Southern California branch, handled the mike duties. Frank Bull, veteran sports broadcaster, delivered a eulogy on Washington and the 27,367 fans present responded by giving Kenny an ovation.

In his response, Washington thanked his teammates, coaches and the sports public at large.

He said the applause he had received during his sixteen-year career in prep school, college and pro football had gone to his heart but never to his head.

Having retired, Washington plans a business career with an occasional movie-acting chore on the side.

Jackson Scintillates as Mules Topple Temple 5 in Philly

Baltimore Md.

Afro-American

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PHILADELPHIA

Bill (Elmo) Jackson, former all-State star from Allentown High School, turned in an outstanding floor game as he helped Muhlenburg College basketball team upset Temple University, 46-40, at Convention Hall, Saturday night, before 7032 onlookers.

Elevated to a starting role, Jackson was given the job of holding Nelson Bobb, Temple's leading point-producer, in check. (Bobb

ended up with 14 markers, only five of which came on field goals.

In addition, Jackson, a six-foot sophomore, made good on three of 12 field goal attempts to run his season's scoring record to 27 points in four games.

It was the first time Jackson had played on the Convention Hall since he led Allentown to the State Class A PIAA basketball title in 1946.

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General

Sooner Vote Puts O.K. on Negro Foes

Des Moines Register
Des Moines, Iowa

Thurs 1-8-48

NORMAN, OKLAHOMA (AP)—University of Oklahoma student senators Wednesday approved, by a two-to-one margin, that Negro athletes be permitted to compete against Sooner teams.

The vote on the resolution, which will now be submitted to university administrators, was passed, 18-9, after considerable arguments in the senate session. If the administrators take further action, it will be through Walter Kraft, university representative to the Big Seven conference.

One senator, unnamed, told the group that he had polled 22 university football players and that only four had objected to playing against Negroes.

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The action follows the protests of some of the northern schools in the conference against banning of Negro students at the universities of Oklahoma and Missouri. It is the first definite action taken by the students of the school.

Other members of the conference, besides Oklahoma and Missouri, include Kansas, Kansas State, Iowa State, Nebraska and Colorado. Des Moines Iowa

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Wilberforce Wins In Final Minute

The Advertiser
Montgomery, Ala.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Jan. 1.—(AP)—Putting on a last minute surge, the Wilberforce Green Wave defeated the Grambling Tigers 27 to 21 in the seventh annual Vulcan Bowl game here today. Fri. 1-2-48

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All-America Freddie Hall, who made good the first three conversions, missed his fourth attempt. Montgomery, Ala.

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BETHUNE-COOKMAN WINS

The Times

Daytona Eleven Conquers Lane of Tennessee by 6-0

Fri.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 1 (AP) — The Bethune-Cookman College Wildcats of Daytona Beach, Fla., won a 6-0 victory over the Lane College Dragons of Jackson, Tenn., in the sixth annual Flower Bowl Negro football game today.

The only score of the contest, watched by approximately 3,000 persons, came near the end of the first quarter. On an exchange of punts, the Wildcats took the ball on Lane's 38 and began a drive which ended when Sport Anderson, Bethune - Cookman quarterback, sneaked over from the four. 1-2-48

WILBERFORCE WINS, 27-21

The Times

Late Surge Defeats Grambling in Vulcan Bowl Game

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Penn State Coach Rules Out Bias

Daily World
Atlanta, Ga.

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. —(ANP)—"Don't play teams if they attempt to tell you who can and who can't play on your team."

That's the formula used by Bod Higgins, veteran coach of Penn. State's undefeated 1947 grid crew, for licking racial discrimination in the field of sports, and he is being backed up in this by the school, which has been making practical application of the formula for a long time. Thurs 3-18-48

In 1946, the team turned down an invitation to play at the Orange bowl after being asked to leave their Negro players out. Last year, officials of the Cotton bowl broke a precedent and allowed a New Year's game to be held between Penn. State and Southern Methodist, at Dallas, with Penn. State carrying along and using their Negro players. This marked the first time in Texas history that a major interracial game had been played there.

Just few weeks before the Texas game, Penn. State had turned down an invite to participate in the Sugar bowl boxing tourney at New Orleans because the contract specified no Negro "may box for competing teams," though the Nittany Lions have no Negroes on the boxing squad. Daily World
Atlanta, Ga.

According to Higgins, this policy has been making more friends for the school than enemies.

Everywhere I go, responsible people stop me to tell me they think Penn. State is right in its attitude toward schools which will not permit their teams to play against Negroes. Discrimination may not be ended yet, but we're on the way and that's the important thing," he declared. Thurs. 3-18-48

Three Negro Players Added to Yankee Eleven

Three Negro football players have been added to the New York Yankees of the All-America Football Conference, joining Claude (Buddy) Young, Ray Flaherty, coach, announced yesterday.

Two of the newcomers are backs—Fred Cooper, of the Virginia-Union University at Richmond, Va., and Thomas Casey, of Hampton Institute. The third is Charles Anderson, an end, who has been playing profootball on the coast after starring at Ohio State.

BUDDY YOUNG—pro football's "fastest human" and biggest drawing card, will be back in the line-up when the New York Yanks invade the Coliseum here next Wednesday. Banged up about the ribs three games back, Young has been sitting it out, and the Yanks have been losing.

Tan Aces Sparkle for Forty-Niners

Afro American

Sat 10-16-48

Perry Scores as Balto. Colts Drop 56-14 Tiff

BALTIMORE

The lily-white Baltimore Colts, All-America conference pro eleven Sunday for the second time within a five-day period tasted bitter defeat at the hands of a mixed grid team when the San Francisco 49ers swamped them under, 56-14, before 37,309 spectators in Babe Ruth Stadium. Baltimore Md.

Two colored stars helped smother the all-white team. They were Joe Perry, rugged 195-pound fullback with the Californians, and Robert Mike, fast-charging right tackle. Both played in every quarter of the one-sided contest.

Perry accounted for one of the seven touchdowns, and his 31-yard run helped set up the Californians for another. Perry also kicked off four times to the outclassed Baltimore eleven. Displaying the versatility which earned him all-State honors while playing with the Compton Junior College squad at Los Angeles, Perry switched from offense to secondary defense in the last quarter and nailed Colt backs seven out of ten plays.

Perry really displayed his terrific speed to astounded Baltimoreans in the third quarter when he kicked off to the Colts and then raced down the field to stop the Colts' speedy back, Aubrey Fowler, who had received the ball on his own 12. Sat 10-16-48

Mike also played an active part in overwhelming the all-white Baltimore outfit by smearing both its ground and aerial offense.

The Sunday defeat marked the second time the Colts had been stung by stalwart colored grid stars on opposing teams. Marion Motley and Bill Willis had helped eke out a 14-10 triumph for the Cleveland Brown over the local outfit on Oct. 5. — CWM

Tan Gridders In Oklahoma Game

The Afro American

Nevada Pair First to Play in 'Sooner' State

TULSA, Okla. — Two colored stars, Alva Tabor, reserve quarterback and fine passer, and Sherman Howard, fullback, helped the University of Nevada rout Tulsa University's football team, 65-14, here Saturday. Sat 10-30-48

It marked the first time in history that colored players had performed with white college football squad in the State of Oklahoma, and the affair went off without incident. Baltimore Md.

Previous to the game, Nevada officials questioned President C. O. Pontius, of Tulsa, on the use of the two players. Pontius replied that there was nothing in the contract between the two schools that would prevent the use of Tabor and Howard and that "the decision was the prerogative of the University of Nevada."

He said Nevada was aware of the traditional background of intercollegiate athletics in the State. He added further that Tulsa elevens, however, had played against colored footballers in games away from home.

Nevada has consistently used colored players on its squad. Horace Gillom and Bill Bass formerly played there and, before them, Marion Motley was a star of the Wolfpack eleven.

Columbia University End

Alfred Cannon, 19-year-old Westbury, N.Y., sophomore, who plays end on the Columbia University football team. He's 6 foot, 1 inch and weighs 182 pounds.

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Baltimore Md.

Motley And Gillom Star; Browns Top Rockets, 28-7

The Defender
Sat 9-25-48

The All-America Conference Champion Cleveland Browns piled up a three touchdown lead in three periods and breezed to victory over the Chicago Rockets, 28-7, before 30,608, in Soldier Field, Friday night, September 17.

The Rockets concentrated on big Marion Motley, holding him to 49 yards in 14 rushes. When they came up for air, the Rockets discovered Otto Graham, Horace Gillom and Bill Boedker, who are also experts in the play for pay sport.

Gillom took a poke at Fred Negus in the first quarter after pulling down an 18 yard toss from Graham. Negus charged into him while he was out of bounds with the ball out of play. It cost the Rockets a 15 yard backward march. Four plays later, the Brownies scored on Graham's 12 yard [illegible] Gillom, a huge-handed U. of Nevada alumnus, snared another aerial for 18 yards in the final period. A year ago, Gillom was a standout in the All-Star victory over the Bears.

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The officials missed some fast action off the ground in the third period. Gillom went up to snag a fly from Graham, only to be shoved by Chuck Fennebock, who also sailed upward. Gillom's elbow met Fennebock's chin, and the Chicago back slept for a couple of minutes.

Motley, who moves around the gridiron like a highballing freight, was roughed up a bit in the first period. It cost Chicago 15 yards. Motley decoyed the Rockets out of position in the second period and again in the third, while Otto Graham lofted touchdown passes of three and four yards into the end zone. Coach Brown knew exactly how to place the Rambling Freight Motley, who starred at the University of Nevada, played under him at Great Lakes Naval Training Station during the war.

Bill Willis, playing defensive guard for Cleveland, got in one tackle when he spilled Dewey Proctor on the Brown's 13, in the second period. Angello Bertelli passed to Emil Hirsch in the end zone on the next play for the Rockets only touchdown.

Ike Owens, the Rockets' artist-end, who played in the 1948 All-Star game, was in the fray long enough to spill Motley at the line of scrimmage in the second period and pulled him down the next play. He also nailed Bill Boedeker on the Cleveland 41, after the ball had changed hands four times in seven minutes. Boedeker had snared a 20 yard pass and was headed for the clear when Owens laid a heavy hand on him. On the next play, Owens snagged Rambling Freight Motley after a gain of two yards. Cleveland then struck pay dirt, Graham to Bob Cowan, for 39 yards and a score.

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DETROIT LIONS SEND CONTRACT TO GROOMS

DETROIT—Mel Grooms, standout backfield ace of the University of Indiana football eleven, has been sent a contract of undisclosed terms and a proposal to join the National League team next fall. Grooms was one of the first players requested by Bo McMillin, his former coach at Indiana, who now pilots the pro team.

The Defender
Chicago Ill

Pryor Gets Pair

Afro American

NEW YORK — Henry (Hank) Pryor, sophomore halfback star, tallied two touchdowns as Rutgers University eleven romped to a 40-0 victory over New York University here Saturday.

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Pryor ran 19 yards for his first score to set the wild pace for the Scarlet, and later caught a pass from Frank Burns good for 11 yards and a six-pointer. Harvey Grimsley and Bucky Hatchett also saw service for the winners.

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The Violets' Bill Payne was idled by injuries sustained in the previous week's game with Boston University.

Runs 100 Yards

LAFAYETTE, Ind. — A crowd of 30,000 fans were electrified here Saturday as Jimmy Robinson, shifty speedy halfback, raced 100 yards to a touchdown and then paced the Pitt Panthers to a 20-13 triumph over Purdue.

The Connellsville, Pa., junior struck after the Boilermakers had tallied in the early minutes of the second period. He took the kickoff in his end zone, started toward the right sidelines, jerked back toward the center of the field, then side - stepped several would - be tacklers as he went all the way.

This sparked the Panthers to their second Big Nine win of the season. It also marked the first time in five years the visitors had scored on Purdue. Bobby Lee started at the opposite half with Robinson and threw the key block as the latter tallied his second touchdown later in the contest.

Taliaferro Checked

Sat 11-20-48

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — George Taliaferro was off to a flying start chalking up 71 yards in nine plays in the first quarter, but Michigan's steamroller moved into high gear thereafter and went on to a bruising 54-0 defeat of Taliaferro and his Indiana Hoosiers here Saturday.

Wilfred Rawl, Buckner, Carter and Brooks also saw service for the vanquished but their efforts, like George's, were in vain.

Gene Derricotte got off a lengthy run from kickoff to set up one of the Wolverines' touchdowns.

Clark Sets 'em Up

CAMPAIGN, Ill. — Jim Clark set up two touchdowns as the Ohio State Buckeyes romped to a 34-7 surprise verdict over Illinois here Saturday. Bob Dorsey, his end teammate, took two passes and played a sparkling defensive game to aid in the rout of the Illini.

Paul Patterson, Illinois half back, was bottled up by the tricky Buckeye defense and his efforts were ineffective.

Reserves Do It

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Both Wally Triplett and Dennie Hoggard, halfback and end, respectively, saw action as the Penn State eleven crushed Temple, 47-0, here Saturday, but it was very limited. Coach Bob Higgins used his reserves freely in a game that offered the unbeaten Nittany Lions no contest.

Banks Goes Well

IOWA CITY — Earl Banks played his usually clever defensive game here Saturday and added some brilliant downfield blocking on attack, but his efforts were in vain as Iowa dropped a nerve-shattering 28-21 decision to Minnesota.

Glen Pullens, Gopher halfback did not see action for an unexplainable reason.

Others

Sat 11-20-48

BROOKLYN — Captain Al Bishop led the Brooklyn College gridders to an easy 31-7 triumph over Alfred here Saturday. Bishop, first colored captain in the school's history, is a halfback.

NEW YORK — Al Cannon, reserve end of the Columbia Lions, watched the game from the sidelines Saturday as his team dealt Navy its seventh defeat of the season, 13-0. Cannon is bothered with a slight wrench of the knee.

Lincoln Succumbs to Bergen College Power

Afro American
Baltimore, Md

Lions Drop Interracial Clash, 19-6, as Undefeated Rivals Keep Clean Slate

Sat. 11-27-48

UNIONVILLE, N.J. — Bergen College's bowl-bound Indians successfully defended their unblemished season record here Saturday against Lincoln University, with a 19-6 victory.

Two touchdowns by Ed Jesonek, another by Eugene Mancino, and a placement by Mancino were sufficient to overcome the stubborn resistance of Lincoln. Bergen's tallies came in the first, third and fourth quarters. Mancino converted after the final score.

Hylton Davis accounted for Lincoln's lone marker on a 35-yard pass interception early in the second quarter. Two other would-be touchdowns for Lincoln were called back in the first half — the first a 17-yard run by Joe Harris through the Indian middle, and the other a 70-yard pass play from Bob Smith to Jim Cooke.

The official ruled that Cooke stepped out of bounds on the Bergen 44, and Lincoln's subsequent drive to the enemy 2, went to naught as the halftime gun sounded.

Bergen Scores First

The Indians drew first blood. Taking over on their own 24, Jesonek ran three plays that took the oval to the 34. Sistrunk hit Giorgino for a 2-yard loss before Jesonek tucked the pig-skin under his arm and trucked the distance with the entire Lincoln battery in pursuit. The power driving back shook off Bobby Smith, the last obstacle between him and goal, on the 40-yard stripe.

Lincoln countered early in the second quarter when a host of Lion front-men broke through and smeared Giorgino for an 18-yard loss on the Indian 34. DeLilla tried two passes, the last of which little Hylton Davis snagged on the 35 and lugged over.

Drive Backfires

A 40-yard pass from DeLilla to Nichols set up the third period tally on the Lincoln 12. In five attempts Mancino and Jesonek carried to the 1, from which point Jesonek pushed over after three furious bucks.

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Lincoln's desperate attempt to score in the final frame was converted into the third Bergen tally. Bob Smith's fumble on the Lincoln 30 was recovered by Rafelle. Ransome recovered a Bergen fumble at about the same spot.

However, Garafola intercepted Bob Smith's pass on the 40 and raced to the 19, where he was finally downed by Big Jim Cooke. Giorgino and Mancino alternated in

the ball to the 3, and Mancino drove through for the marker.

Josh Gibson's Son Signed by Colts

The Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio — Josh Gibson Jr., 17-year-old son of the late Josh Gibson, all-time great catcher, was signed last week to play with the Youngstown Colts to become the first member of his race to play in the Middle Atlantic League.

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He was signed by William Koval, owner of the Colts. The Youngstown team has a working agreement with the Cleveland Indians of the American League.

Young Gibson graduated this June from Schenley High in Pittsburgh. He will live in the same hotels as his teammates on the road, and at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Hall in Youngstown when the team is at home. This is club policy.

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Ike Owens

ROCKETS SIGN IKE OWENS, STAR END AT ILLINOIS

Daily Tribune
Chicago, Ill.

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Voted Most Valuable

Thurs. 6-17-48

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Wins Grid, Track Letters

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Atlanta Daily World
Wed. 6-23-48

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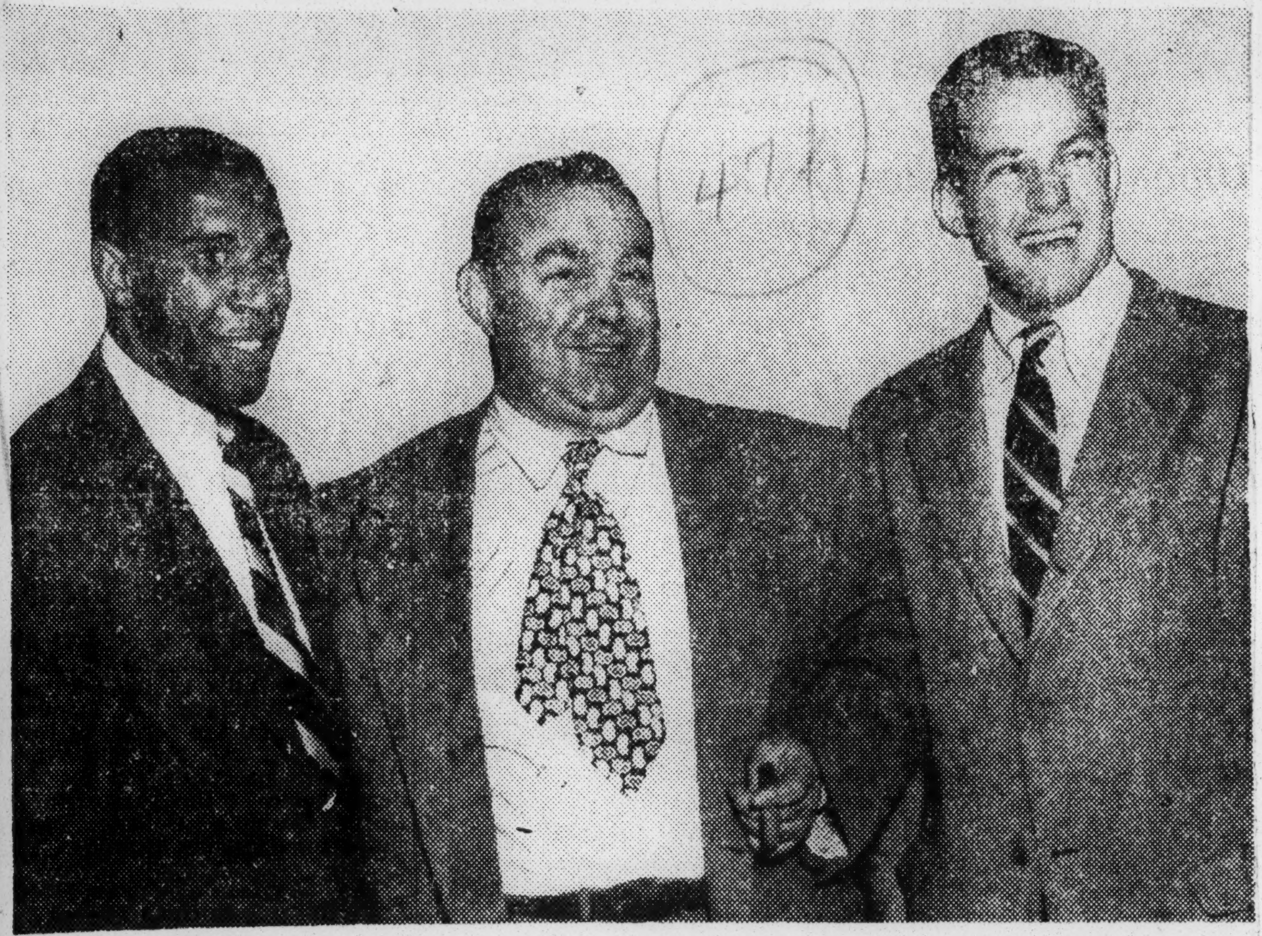
The Team Made The Choice And They Like It



When Levi Jackson, left, was unanimously elected captain of the Yale University football team for the 1949 season, he was the first Negro to be so honored in the 70-year grid history of the institution. As the only Negro on the Yale team, Jackson made football history this year. Smiling approval at the choice made by the members of the Yale eleven are Coach Herman Hickman, center, and Bob Conway, captain of the 1948 team.

Nation's Press Hails Selection Of Jackson As Yale Grid Captain

By NNPA News Service

THE ELECTION OF Levi Jackson, Yale's fleet-footed halfback, as captain of the 1949 varsity football team at a meeting of lettermen at New Haven on Nov. 22 was hailed by the Metropolitan press. Jackson, the first colored captain in Yale's seventy years of gridiron history was unanimously chosen.

The 22-year old halfback led the team in every department except passing, in which he was second to Tex Furse, the Bulldog quarterback.

Jackson, a native of New Haven, first attracted attention as a football player while he was a student at Hillhouse High School in New Haven. He was a unanimous choice for the All-State team two years in a row. In addition, he received more votes than any other high school player in Connecticut history.

During his high school career Jackson played in the Yale Bowl in the traditional Thanksgiving Day game between Hillhouse and West Haven High, scoring five touchdowns.

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After graduation from high school he entered the Army. As a staff sergeant at Camp Lee, Va., Jackson played on a mixed team under Hook Mylin, now coach at New York University. Among others, Mylin urged him to go to Yale.

Jackson was eligible to play with the varsity in his freshman year at Yale in 1946 and gained 806 yards as a fullback, a mark which led the team.

Handicapped by injuries in 1947, Jackson regained his form this year under Herman Hickman. Shifted to left halfback, he gained 639 yards. A 190-pounder, Jackson is also Yale's first-line punter. He averaged in 1948, forty-one yards a kick.

Comparing the election of Jackson as Yale's 1949 football captain with the action of members of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity in initiating Thomas W. Gibbs, a colored student from Evanston, Ill., into the national fraternity, the **Washington Post** of Nov. 23, under the caption, "Yale and Amherts," said—in part:

"This instance of practical democracy at Yale throws in even sharper relief the courage of members of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity at Amherst College in defying tradition to pledge a Negro. For this 'violation' of an unwritten rule of the fraternity the Amherst chapter has been summarily suspended by the national executive council, but local members have evidenced their intention to stand their ground even if it means losing their charter. Their action is not without precedent; several years ago a fraternity chapter at Bowden College initiated a Negro and eventually was upheld by the national organization."

Under the heading, "Honor to Yale," the **New York Herald Tribune** of Nov. 24 pointed out that on the day of Jackson's election a three-judge Federal court in Oklahoma City was upholding racial segregation at the University of Oklahoma. Said the Herald Tribune:

The old Yale men were saying yesterday that it couldn't have happened in their day. Perhaps not, but then Yale never had a Negro football player until Levi Jackson. At any rate, the Yale letter men assembled and instantly and unanimously elected him captain of the 1949 team. It was an important piece of history, a wonderful moment, an encouragement to the cause of equal and free opportunity for every Negro. The Yale verdict may well lack the solemnity and measurable effects of a Supreme Court decision advancing the Negro's cause, but in this sports-conscious country of ours the boys at Yale set another precedent of real significance.

"Here and there, day after day, the contributions against discrimination add to the stedy stream. The Yale team, of course, was not acting as a court of law or convention of sociologists. It was a simple and natural act at New Haven, the honoring of an extremely able teammate who deserved to be captain. The color of Levi Jackson's skin was completely aside from the point it just happened that this first-class halfback, the man everybody liked, was the fitting choice.

"Negro athletic ability is nothing new. Paul Robeson and Fritz Pollard were all-American three decades ago, leading the way to recognition of their race. In professional sports the Negro is thoroughly accepted. But the affair at Yale is something else—a personal matter, a man-to-man tribute that should lift the heart of every American. This is the direction of the times, and the men of Yale, by their warm and unaffected ~~action~~ added materially to our quickening achivemeents.

"The progress, to be sure, is uneven, for in the same day an unhappy comparison is offered by a decision in the lower courts upholding segregated instruction at the University of Oklahoma. But, on the whole, America moves ahead, and probably much faster than any of us are aware. Every Yale man is naturally hoping, with every right, for an improved season at football next year. We go even further. Under Levi Jackson, we hope Yale is undefeated:"

Under the caption, "Yale's Captain," the **New York Times** said:—in part:

"If there is one sport that tests the character of a player more than any other, tests his stamina, his sportsmanship—yes, even his intelligence — it is football. In sport's most rigorous contact game they separate the men from the boys. So at the end of the season, when a football squad unanimously selects one of its number as its captain for the next year it is a fairly safe wager that the man named has qualities of courage, of leadership, of intelligence in more than the usual measure. We are sure that must be true of Levi Jackson, Yale's football captain for 1949.

"We are sure it must be true of Jackson, for he is a Negro, the first of his race to ever wear the blue jersey in Yale Bowl. He entered the game with two touchdowns already scored against him. But in three years of varsity competition (he entered Yale while freshmen still could play their first year) he so proved himself that when the Yale squad met on Monday to pick a captain there was no other candidate. His team-mates quite obviously had forgotten that his skin was a darker color than theirs. They accepted him as a man and as a leader. And in honoring Jackson, they honored themselves and they honored Yale."

Pointing out Yale and Amherst along with Harvard, which selected a colored student to be manager of its football team next year, under the heading "Defeat for Discrimination," the **Philadelphia Tribune** said:

"The practical idealism of youth, and also youth's willingness to deal directly with problems sometimes ducked by older, more resigned people, have had some heart-warming demonstrations recently in some of our Eastern colleges.

"Levi Jackson was elected captain of the 1949 Yale football team. Frank S. Jones will be manager of Harvard's varsity next Fall. Both are Negroes, in universities not only predominantly white, but with reputations for occasional snobbishness.

". . . It couldn't happen in Oklahoma, where a court upheld an educational system whereby a Negro is shunted off to an ante room next to a lecture hall occupied by whites. Even outside the South, where such segregation is a matter of law, social pressure is such that Negro cannot always compete for honors on a basis of equality.

"Dixiecrats have cried for 'normal' working out of these discrimination problems although they don't explain exactly what they mean. Yale, Harvard, and Amherst have shown practical ways to do it in many times as impressive as political speeches on the subjects."

ELI'S LEVI JACKSON

HIS MERITS, NOT "TOLERANCE," MADE HIM YALE'S CAPTAIN

Life
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The Yale football team has just elected Levi Jackson, its hard-running Negro halfback, to be captain for 1949. The temptation for the writer interested in race relations is to make a great sociological point of it. Jackson is the first Negro ever to play football for Yale, an Ivy League institution whose lineage goes back to 1701; he never went to a swank preparatory school, being in fact a "townie" graduate of New Haven's Hillhouse High School; his father had been a steward for many years at the Yale Faculty Club. Only at tremendous intervals in the past has a native New Haven boy such as Albie Booth been football captain at Yale; far more frequently the Elis have turned to out-of-town "bluebloods" such as Cotty Davison of the Long Island Davisons, who was captain in 1947. Jackson has taken two traditional barriers, those of race and place-origin, in one tremendous leap.

A victory for "tolerance"? To interpret it in such terms is factually accurate, yet the actual significance of Jackson's election must ooze away if that is all one has to say about it. For the truth is that the members of the Yale team, who wanted Jackson to be the 1949 leader even though tradition usually gives the job to a lineman, did not vote for Lopin' Levi in the spirit of a group of self-consciously "tolerant" do-gooders passing a resolution to endorse a Fair Employment Practices Committee bill. There was the usual difference of opinion on the squad at first over the relative claims of two or three standout players. But after the arguments had subsided, after each individual had purified his motives in the wake of the first electioneering phase, the election of Jackson was made unanimous. Jackson happened to be the most continuous "hopper-upper" of the 1948 team; the job had fallen to him after injuries had struck at Bill Conway, the 1948 captain, at Lineman Vic Frank and at Fullback Ferd Nadherny. What more natural, then, than the choice of Levi to lead his mates? The university community responded to the selection with enthusiasm, and the postelection celebration of the New Haven Gridiron Club was one of the happiest in years.

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This is the real victory for tolerance, that "tolerance" (in quotation marks) did not force the issue. The election of Jackson just happened as a result of a combination of things that transcended "race"—such things as technical competence, inspirational talent, personality and character. The New York *Daily News*, which likes to make a bum out of anyone with pretensions to something better, suggests that certain Yale graduates of an older generation may now weep bitter tears into their sherry and send their sons to Princeton. But this won't happen for two good reasons: 1948 is 1948, and Princeton is hardly a White Russian institution. As a matter of fact, the so-called "gentlemen's" colleges of the Ivy League have been ignoring the color line in sports whenever competence dictated the choice of a "colored" man.

A pleasant, studious-looking North Carolina Negro boy, Frank Jones, has just become football manager at Harvard, where he succeeds a Japanese boy named Nishimura. Not so long ago the Cornell University star end was "Brud" Holland, a Negro. One of Brown University's great halfbacks of the 'teens was Pollard, a Negro. To step from Ivy League circles to the small college circuits, an Amherst fraternity has just initiated a Negro track star, and Lafayette College has just turned down a bid for its team to play in the El Paso (Texas) Sun Bowl on New Year's Day because the invitation did not include Dave Showell, Lafayette's Negro halfback. The Lafayette students are pretty mad about the deplorable ethics of those who control the rules for Sun Bowl competition. But in spite of certain antiquated Southern folkways more and more Southerners are coming into the mainstream of American democracy. Levi Jackson's coach, Herman Hickman, is from sub-Mason-Dixon Tennessee; he would like 10 other Jacksons for his 1949 team if anyone could deliver them.

Levi Jackson's success makes Negro Paul Robeson, great Rutgers end of a generation ago, look foolish in his latter-day attempts to play the Henry Wallaceite statesman. Robeson was All-America for two years, a four-letter man and a Phi Beta Kappa. Later he became an actor and singer who attracted millions. But in spite of his own American success he sent his son to school in Soviet Russia, where race prejudice is drowned out by a class prejudice that claims more victims in a year than have ever been lynched in the U.S. South. One can sympathize with Mr. Robeson's hatred for Jim Crow laws and customs. But all the time Paul Robeson has been looking toward Moscow and speaking for the Wallaceites, something good has been happening in the U.S. Stalin has probably never heard of the Ivy League, but the action taken by a few Yale students in 10 minutes' time has hit Joe a blow that will some day make him screech.

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Jackson (right) with 1948 captain Bill Conway and Coach Herman Hickman

ELECTIONS:

Captain Jackson

News Week
Dayton, Ohio

The reaction meant a long working day for big Charley Loftus in Yale's publicity department. He handled more than 200 calls, many of them windy ones, from "coast to coast and border to border." But the matter that set his telephone to ringing last week took only ten minutes. Mon.-12-6-48

In that time Yale letter men retired to an upper room of the Ray Tompkins House, talked about a 1949 leader, and came downstairs with a unanimous verdict. Their choice: 22-year-old, quietly modest and intelligent (78 average) Levi Jackson, Yale's first Negro football player and its 70th football captain, who led the team this season in every offensive department except passing.

White boys also picked Jackson for their football captain when he was a four-sport athlete and an all-state back at Hillhouse High in New Haven. The other college chances he drew there got nowhere with him. Yale was where his mother deeply wanted him to go. His father worked there too as a chef and steward, and Levi himself had worked in the Yale Bowl as a Boy Scout messenger when Clint Frank was storming into history. Jackson's high-school coach was an Old Blue named Reggie Root. And just across the street, during the schoolday, he could see Ray Tompkins House and the towering magnificence of Yale's Payne Whitney Gym.

At first word of the 190-pound halfback's election his mother said he "deserved" it but nervously added: "Perhaps I shouldn't have said that. It doesn't sound just right, does it?" But Bill Corum of The New York Journal-American, among others, thought that was precisely why Jackson's teammates had elected him. Mon.-12-6-48

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Levi Jackson

YALE TURNS BACK BROWN BY 28 TO 13

The Times

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Jackson Scores Twice and Passes for Third in Bowl—Losers' Rally Fails

Sun 9-26-48

By JOSEPH C. NICHOLS

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Sept. 25—Yale opened its football season today under the happiest of circumstances. Opposing a Brown team that was generally regarded as the favorite—albeit by a slim margin—the sons of Eli came through with a decisive upset over the aggregation from Providence by the score of 28 to 13.

New York N.Y.

The inauguration of Yale's seventy-sixth consecutive gridiron campaign attracted a crowd of 31,000 fans, most of them Yale sympathizers, and they were rewarded by the sight of some fine play, particularly the excellent aggressive performance of Levi Jackson, the Bulldog's back, who scored two touchdowns and who passed to a third.

Standout though he was, Jackson was splendidly supported by such able colleagues as Ferd Nadherny, Charley Keller, Bob Furze and Bob Raines in the backfield, and a strong, eager line that maneuvered skillfully against the much heavier Brown forward wall.

Yale Line Is Good

The job turned in by the Yale line as an entirety, and Walter Clemens as a star individual performer, indicated that the Elis' new head coach, Herman Hickman, is working well at his specialty.

It was while serving as an assistant coach at West Point that Hickman attracted attention by the ability of his lines, and it was generally agreed by the experts who saw his team in action today that he is imparting his knowledge effectively to his charges at New Haven.

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Good as the Yale team appeared to be, there was no denying that it was aided at the start by a pair of "breaks" that helped its cause considerably and at the same time placed the Brunoians on a psychological defensive from which they could never depart.

These breaks came in the form of fumbles which resulted in two first-period touchdowns for Yale. No sooner had the game started than Yale was knocking at the door for a touchdown, the Elis having come into possession on Brown's 30-yard line after Joe Paterno fumbled the opening kick-off.

On its second running play Yale fumbled in turn, but fumbled forward and the alert Clemens managed to recover on Brown's 15. Here Jackson tried a forward to John Setear, but the move failed. When Jackson passed a second time, to Nadherny, the play worked to perfection, Nadherny taking the relay all alone to score without any opposition.

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Brown Fumbles Again

Brown succeeded in holding the next kick-off, and managed to advance to its own 40 when it committed another fumble, making for another Yale recovery.

The Bulldogs again resolved the misplay to their advantage, moving along the ground steadily, with Nadherny carrying most of the way, up to the one-yard line. Here a penalty cost Yale 5, but Jackson ripped inside his own right tackle to score.

Set back so quickly, the visitors, nevertheless, came back gamely, uncovering an aerial attack that transformed the game into a close proposition for a time.

Late in the opening frame the visitors moved from their own 20 to their 40 on running and passing plays. They were in possession on their own 48 when the second session opened and they struck quickly from that point for a touchdown.

Eddie Finn, the Browns' ace passer, hurled a toss to Charley Nelson, who caught it on the 25 and ran the rest of the way to score.

Stage 80-yard March

Joe Condon's attempt to place-kick the extra point was blocked, and the lead seemed comfortable. For Bill Booe had been successful on Yale's two touchdowns, and the Bulldogs had a reasonably safe edge.

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This edge was narrowed down to the very narrowest, though, in the third period when the Brown warriors staged a thrilling 80-yard march that resulted in another touchdown.

With Roger Young doing a fine job of running, and Joe Paterno spelling him admirably, the visitors moved from their own 20 to Yale's 20 in eight plays. Then a forward pass, Joe Paterno to Bill Gresh, was ruled good on Yale's 2 as a result of Eli interference.

On the next play it was easy for Arnold Green to make the necessary distance to put Brown within reach of the home team. This time Condon's placement was good, but his previous failure caused his side to trail by 14—13.

The closeness of the battle was soon dissipated, with Jackson turning matters definitely in Yale's direction. Taking the ball on his own 36, he zoomed inside right tackle and went to Brown's 16 before he was downed.

He, Furze and Dan Wagster alternated at carrying to the 4, from which point Wagster counted on a center plunge. Booe, of course, again made good.

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Fail Along the Ground

Brown seemed crushed by this turn of affairs, and had little to offer thereafter. The visitors could do little along the ground, and were unable to muffle Jackson, who capped a Yale advance of 50 yards by scoring from the seven-yard line in the fourth period.

Jackson made 174 yards in twenty-one rushes. Last season he made a total of 153, but he missed a lot of action because of injuries

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The line-up:

YALE (28)

Ends—Setear, Gant, Kilroy, Quackenbush.
Tackles—Pivevich, Anderson, Lovejoy, Clemens Finnegan.
Guards—Frank, McAfee, Jablonski, Fasano.
Centers—Conway, Larson.
Backs — Jackson, Naffziger, Furse, Peters Keller, Raines, Barksdale, Fuchs, Booe, Nadherny, Wagster.

BROWN (13)

Ends—Searles, Mahoney Powers, Smith, McDonald.
Tackles—McLellan, Hill, Walters, Colo.
Guards—Jacule, De Angelis, Hodosh, Chernak.
Centers—Kirby, Scott, Condon.
Backs—Finn, Pastuszak, Nelson, Gresh, Rodewig, Green, Patemo, Kozak, Young, Di Domenico, Rich, J. Paterno, G. Paterno.

SCORE BY PERIODS

Yale	14	0	7	7—28
Brown	0	6	7	0—13

Touchdowns—Jackson 2, Nadherny, Wagster, Nelson, Green. Points after touchdowns—Booe 4, Condon.

Referee—Leroy Kelley, Darthmouth. Umpire—Leo Daley, Boston College. Linesman—John Kelleher, Boston College. Field Judge—Mark Creham.

Levi Jackson Too Much for Wisconsin

Wash Post

Sun 10-17-48

Madison, Wis., Oct. 16 (AP).—A spirited, underdog Yale football team spotted Wisconsin a touchdown today and then swept to a 17 to 7 victory.

With the exception of a first-period drive that brought the Badgers a score, they were outfought and outcharged by the lighter Bulldogs.

Wash D.C.

Wisconsin scored on a 42-yard gallop by Clarence Self before the game was three minutes old. It got in position in Lale territory on five more occasions in the second period, but that was all it got.

Yale, meanwhile, kept plugging away, knotting the score after recovering a Wisconsin fumble on the Badger 19, with flashy Levi Jackson, Negro back, going over from the 2.

The Bulldogs went into the lead in the third period on Fred Nadherny's 9 yard crash over center and wound up their scoring on William Booe's 15-yard placement in the same period. Booe also kicked extra points after the first two scores. Lisle Blackbourn booted Wisconsin's extra point.

On the Mixed Grids

The Afro American

Sat 10-30-48

Baltimore Md.

Last Ditch Pitch

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—A spectacular catch of a last-minute pass, and a colorful run to pay-dirt by Jimmy Robinson, proved the turning point of a 21-14 victory gained by Pittsburgh over Indiana here Saturday before a howling mob of 17,118 fans.

With the game tied at 14-14, Robinson snatched a long, wiggling pass from team-mate Louis Cecconi, white, with one minute and 13 seconds remaining to break open the contest. The speedy Lion back juggled the ball on his finger-tips at the 25-yard line while the customers groaned, finally captured it, then circled and weaved the desperate Hoosier defenders to reach touchdown territory.

A few minutes before, George Taliaferro, Indiana's tan jackrabbit, had electrified the customers with an 80-yard sprint down the sidelines to climax an uphill drive from 14-0 and give Indiana a tie.

Also playing stellar ball were Bob Lee, on the side of Robinson, and Wilfred Rawl and Buddy Brooks in the Hoosier line.

Derricotte Off

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — The University of Michigan gridiron juggernaut ran up its 19th consecutive victory here Saturday and at the same time retained possession of the traditional Little Brown Jug, by downing a fighting Minnesota eleven, 27-14.

But it was no fault of Gene Derricotte, survvor of the tan brigade which spn the web for the Wolverines to dominate the Rose Bowl picture last year. For it was Derricotte who fumbled the ball in the opening minutes of the second quarter to spot the Gophers a touchdown. Gene lost the ball on his 10, kicked it as he chased it back to the 2, then watched in misery as a Minnesotan fell on it.

Glen Pullens, playing right halfback for the losers, was valiant in the Gopher offense, but the powerful Michican forces were not to be denied.

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Patterson Sets Pace

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.—Turning in his finest game of the year, Paul Patterson, workhorse of the Illinois backfield, led the Illini to a hard-fought, 10-6 triumph over lily-white Purdue in a Big Nine contest played before 56,451 fans here Saturday.

Although he did not tally any of the victors' points, Patterson was the afternoon's chief ground-gainer. He carried the ball 18 times and averaged 5.8 yards with the ball on each try.

Banks' Efforts Vain

IOWA CITY — Sherman Banks proved one of the stalwarts in the denfensive strategy that held Notre Dame to 27 points Saturday, but defense does not win football games so Banks and his Iowa Hawkeyes were defeted, 27-12, by the Irish with 53,000 witnesses in the stands.

Levi Valiant

NEW HAVEN — Levi Jackson played a terrifiic ball game here Saturday, if there is such a thing as being terrifiic with a loser.

Jackson ran, passed, and kicked with brilliance to become the only bright star in the Yale eleven's humiliating 35-0 losst to Vanderbilt.

Levi, in addition to averaging four yards per try running the ball, passed for 88 of his team's 123 yards, and outkicked the opposition with a punt average of 41 against 37.

But all to no avail. The Dixiecrats completely bottled up the over-all Bulldog attack.

Scarlet Trio Aids

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — The three tan aces of Rutgers University's football team contributed mightily to the 20-6 victory achieved here Saturday over Lehigh, although none figured in the actual scoring.

Henry (Hank) Pryor, newcomer to the Scarlet backfield, outshone his more celebrated teammates, Bucky Hatchett and Harvey Grimsley, when he turned in the longest individual balltoting chore of the afternoon. Pryor took a Lehigh punt on his own 25 and danced his way back to the Lehigh 32, a distance of 43 yeards before being stopped.

Grimsley was counted on for short gains and Hatchett accepted ground-eating passes to set up two of the three visiting touchdowns.

The Others

STATE COLLEGE, Pa.—Wally Triplett and Dennie Hoggard, halfback and end, respectively, on the Penn State eleven, were held in check as the 1947 Cotton Bowlers tired Michigan State, 14-14, here Saturday.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Fritz Alexander did not get into the game Saturday as his Dartmouth teammates dropped a heart-breaking, 14-7 decision to Harvard.

BROOKLYN—Al Bishop captained and led his otherwise all-white Brooklyn College eleven to an easy 33-0 triumph over Northeastern here Saturday.

Towler Passes

WASHINGTON, Pa. — Deacon Dan Towler, high-scoring Washington and Jefferson back, ran into his stiffest opposition of the season, but got off a 71-yard touchdown pass to Joe Rodjom, white, as the Presidents were tromped by the University of Buffalo, 41-14, here Saturday.

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Vernon Scores

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A 24-yard touchdown plunge by Cal Vernon, Wisconsin fullback, went for naught Saturday as the Badgers dropped a 34-32 decision to an Ohio State rally before 77,205 limp fans.

Vernon was sent into the line after the Badgers gained possession deep in Buckeye territory on a fumble. He went all the way, side-stepping two would-be tacklers at the 5-yeard stripe with a nifty piece of shifting.

Bob Dorsey started at left end for the Buckeyes and Jim Clark got the call at the left halfback slot, but neighter was able to figure prominently in the attack.

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Custis Hurt

EVANSTON, Ill.—Bernie Curtis, freshman sensation of the Syracuse eleven, and Horace Morris, sophomore lineman, saw action here Saturday but to no avail as the Orange went down before the might of Northwestern, 48-0.

Curtis, suffering a leg injury in the first period, was lost to the visitors and, it is believed, his absence from the usual running, kicking and passing role had much to do with wrecking the morale of the losers.

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PREJUDICE IN TEXAS. On Nov. 23 President Ralph C. Hutchison (*above, center*) of Lafayette College told his students why he rejected a bid to the Sun Bowl football game at El Paso, Texas. He declined, he said, because the Bowl committee told him Negro Halfback Dave Showell (*right*) was excluded. Then the irate students marched off to downtown Easton, Pa. for an indignation meeting. It appeared most people had forgotten a Penn State Negro played in Dallas Cotton Bowl last year.

NO RACE PROBLEM FOR YALE AND AMHERST BOYS

Cleveland Herald
Cleveland, Ohio

..Two groups of college boys have given heartening evidence that the "Negro problem" is man-made; that it may be met simply by refusal to join up with the manufacturers. These boys are teaching their elders a blunt lesson. Fri. 11-26-48

The Yale University football squad yesterday made history by electing Levi Jackson as the varsity's first Negro captain. Jackson, who succeeds Cleveland's Bill Conway, was the team's star on the field. He deserved the honor of captaincy and his teammates did themselves proud in

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recognizing his claim.

At Amherst College, the young men of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity who took a Negro into membership seem to be living through suspension by a horrified national board. Meanwhile the board is getting plenty of mail from alumni members, and unfortunately is able to claim majority sympathy for its decision. But likewise there is protest from distinguished brohers who urge revocation of the suspension.

We admire the young men of Yale and Amherst, and we congratulate their parents on bringing up boys free of the evil prejudice which complicates so much of life. It'll be a better country for everybody when the color line is recognized as a barrier drawn by ignorance and intolerance. Fri. 11-26-48

Levi's Efforts Vain

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Baltimore, Md.

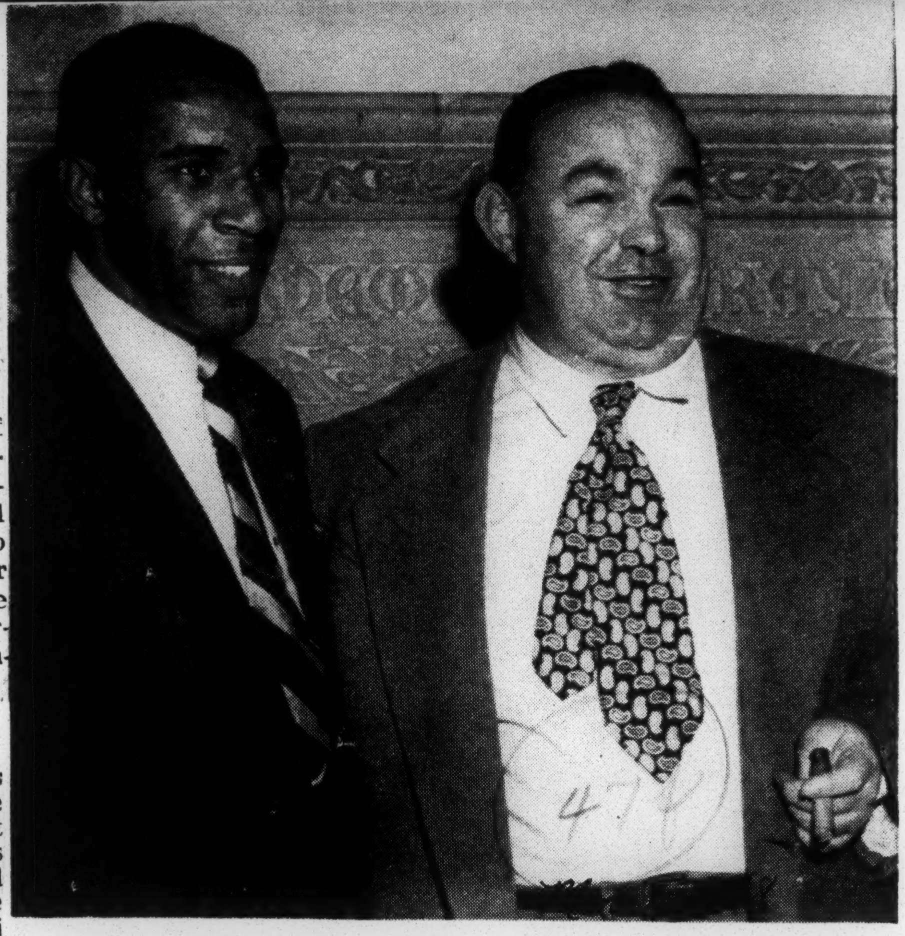
NEW HAVEN, Conn. —The sons of Eli suffered a 20-14 defeat at the hands of the Princeton Tiger last Saturday, but the 57,000 spectators who witnessed this thrill-tinged contest were convinced that the best player on the field was Levi Jackson of the losing eleven.

Mixing a splendid aerial game with a ground attack that featured Jackson's expresslike running, the Elis had the Tigers completely baffled for the first three periods. Yale drew first blood, scoring late in the opening stanza after Jackson started the march with two successive first downs.

In eight plays the Bulldogs moved to the Princeton 32, and from there Jackson swept through a host of tacklers on a beautiful run to the 20. The Elis were now hitting their stride, and after seven more plays, Quarterback Furse climaxed the drive by pitching a perfect strike to Setear in the end zone.

Princeton struck back after intercepting a pass and initiated a drive of their own that covered 37 yards in six plays to knot the count at 7-7.

A long kick by Jackson, fumbled by the Princeton safety man, started Yale on the way toward its second touchdown. Standing back in his own end zone, he got off a punt that traveled sixty yards in the air. Sella, playing safety for the Tigers, was hit hard by Eli linemen, causing him to fumble the ball and Yale recovered. On the very next play Jackson began the touchdown drive with a 16 yard run to the 30.



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PRECEDENT IN NEW HAVEN. In 1946, for the first time in history, Yale University's football team included a Negro. He was Levi Jackson, son of a dining-hall steward who had waited table at Yale for 30 years. On Nov. 22 Halfback Jackson's teammates established another precedent by electing him captain for 1949, bringing a broad grin to the jowly face of Coach Herman Hickman (*above*). On the same day Harvard, not to be outdone, named a Negro football manager for the first time.

Election Returns

Time
New York, N.Y.

Yale's footballers, having wound up a discouraging season (won 4, lost 5), gathered last week for one last huddle. It didn't take them long. In ten minutes, the boys elected popular Levi Jackson, their Negro halfback, captain of the 1949 team.

On & off the campus, it created more stir than anything Yale had done on the field all fall. Undergraduates cheered and telegrams poured in. Newspaper editorials applauding Yale's gesture as something which fell only a little short of the Emancipation Proclamation. Actually it was more than a gesture of racial tolerance. The simple fact was that Levi Jackson, son of a Negro chef in a Yale fraternity house, was the Big Blue's best player and one of the best liked. The vote was unanimous. Said Levi: "It's swell."

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Last week Harvard elected a new student football manager: Frank Jones, a 20-year-old Negro from Greensboro, N.C. He succeeded Dwight K. Nishimura, a Japanese-American.

Michigan, too, made news in choosing its 1949 football captain. He is ex-G.I. Mon-12-6-48

Alvin Wistert, a tackle who is 33.

Levi Jackson Elected First Negro Captain Of Yale Grid Team

The Advertiser
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Montgomery Ala

NEW HAVEN, Nov. 22.—(AP)—Halfback Levi Jackson was elected captain of the Yale football team today. He is the first Negro captain in Yale's history.

Jackson, Yale's 70th captain, succeeds Ill Conway, a center.

During the season just ended, Jackson led the Yale team in every department of the offense except passing, in which he was second to Quarterback Tex Furse. He gained a total of 639 yards for an average of nearly five yards per carry, and his punting average of more than 41 yards per kick was of material help to the team.

A New Haven resident, Jackson first played football at Hillhouse High School where he won All-State honors.

Under wartime eligibility rules, he was able to play on the Yale varsity as a freshman in 1946, and was the team's leading ground gainer that year also. Last year injuries handicapped him.

Jackson served in the Army during part of 1945 and 1946, and played with the Camp Lee, Va., team. That squad's opponents included the New York Giants, of the National Professional Football League. Jackson was a staff sergeant at the time of his discharge.

Here's More About Levi Jackson

Pittsburgh Courier

By JAMES E. BOYACK
(Special to The Courier)

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Levi Jackson, Yale's 187-pound halfback for three seasons, was unanimously elected last week captain of the 1949 varsity football team.

He is the first Negro to lead the "Blues" in its seventy colorful years on the Nation's gridirons.

He also was selected on the Associated Press' All-Eastern football team.

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News of the Jackson achievement came as the National Inter-Fraternity Conference in New York voted twenty-five to eighteen abstaining to bar Negroes from college fraternities, and fifty-six to four to bar Americans of the Jewish faith.

Pittsburgh, Pa.

OTHER CAPTAINS

Though there have been a number of colored captains of college football teams, Jackson is the first to win the honor in the Ivy League. During the past season, City College, New York, and Brooklyn College were captained by Sam Welcome and Ed Bishop respectively.

Jackson told The Courier that "it is the happiest [illegible] of my life."

"It's the greatest thing that ever happened to me.

"I don't know how I'll ever be able to equal the leadership of Bill Conway this year. He was a great captain. But I'll do my best. They are a grand bunch of guys to lead and we'll make the 1949 season a more successful one than this, if it's humanly possible. We're going to start right now."

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Yale's 1948 eleven finished one of its poorest seasons since 1943 last Saturday, week, with only four victories in nine games. Yale lost to her traditional Big Three rivals, Princeton and Harvard in the same season since 1941. Lack of reserves plagued Coach Herman Hickman's first campaign at New Haven. He is a former All-America guard from the University of Tennessee.

DAD AN INSTITUTION

Levi's dad is an institution on the campus. He has served the university as chef and steward of the Faculty Club for the last thirty years. Actually, it is the story of a home-town boy who made good.

He is majoring in three subjects: sociology, psychology and economics. When he was made captain of the famed Yale team he had just made 80 in his economics test.

He has definite plans for the future. He hopes to be a personnel manager when he graduates. He has no plans for professional football.

Levi led the Eli squad in every department except passing during the past season. The champ Yale

labor organizers in the South, the reactionary Southern labor policies in cities and States, all were mentioned again and again throughout the convention, and formed part of the background of the discussion of the civil rights resolution, when it was pointed out how the civil rights of the Southern labor organizers were violated.

"WARM WEATHER FRIENDS"

Speaking in support of the civil rights resolution, Ewart Guinier of the left-wing United Public Workers pointed out that in fighting for the end of Executive Order 9835 the members were laying themselves open to charges of being Communists, in that the FBI, in questioning the loyalty of workers under that order, used the question of Negro-white friendship as a test of communism.

John Yancey of the Transport Service Employes followed Guinier to disavow the support given the resolution by left-wing unions, saying:

"Some of our good warm weather friends who at this time drape themselves in the flag of Negro champions were not always champions of the Negro cause. I can well recall when it was quite unpopular for these warm weather friends to support the Negro cause because at that time to say anything about advancing good citizenship might interfere with the war effort.

"I can also recall some of our good warm weather friends having given the kiss of death to certain FEPC legislation in certain States of the Nation."

The same fight was reflected in the adoption of the legislative program, with left-wing Negroes rising to support the resolution, and their support being immediately repudiated by right-wing Negroes, with the right-wingers not only having the support of the majority of members, but having the more lucid and reasonable arguments.

BOWL MESSENGER

Believe it or not, Yale's new captain first became associated with the football team when he worked as messenger at the bowl games as a Boy Scout. A little later, his family moved to Brandford, a New Haven suburb. Levi entered Branford High School which had no football team.

After two years, the ambitious youth transferred to Hillhouse High at New Haven and became unaimous choice for the All-State team two years in a row. It was an omen of things to come, when he received more votes than any other scholastic player in Connecticut history.

Discharged as a staff sergeant, he served in the Army during 1945-'46. He played football with the Camp Lee, Va., team. He played under Hook Mylin, now coach of New York University, who urged him to go to Yale.

WAVED PUBLICITY

After passing his College Boards, the new Yale captain was welcomed to New Haven with a wave of publicity because of his football reputation.

He lived up to his reputation by gaining 806 yards with the varsity in his freshman year. He led the team. Switched to halfback in 1947, Levi picked up 639 yards. He is also Yale's first-line punter. His 1948 average of forty-one yards per kick indicates his versatility.

Levi Jackson is the first Negro ever to play football at Yale, which in itself establishes a record for one of our most respected educational institutions.

A New Haven friend said: "It ain't prejudice, brother. It's what you got that counts around here, just like elsewhere."

SEVEN DWARFS

Stanley Woodward of the New York Herald Tribune wrote a piece naming Hickman's linesmen the Seven Dwarfs, like the Fordham Seven Blocks of Granite and Notre Dame's Seven Mules. Next day, when the regulars came out to practice, each had a piece of adhesive tape on his headgear bearing the name of a Walt Disney character . . . Dopey, Grouchy, Sneezy, Doc, etc. etc.

At first they thought of making Levi Snow White, but felt that bystanders might consider that in bad taste, so that he ended up with the name of Prince Charming.

Thousands of words have flashed over the wires since young Levi Jackson made football history. There was much talk about tolerance and the Yale liberal spirit.

No one mentioned the job his parents did in bringing up a right guy. After he made the grade in the entrance exams, there never was any question about how a guy would be received by other right guys in that Yale squad.

Another thing to remember is this.

Levi Jackson was elected by his teammates to lead them next year. He didn't knock anyone out in the first round. He didn't win the race. And he isn't any intellectual genius.

But win or lose, he came out of the scrimmage of Yale's campus and football life with something much deeper than skin deep. Call it what you like, the squad recognized it like a neon sign. They call it leadership. The vote was unanimous.

NEW YORK—It was revealed this week that Harvard was the first Ivy League college boasting a Negro captain. William (Bill) Lewis, a linesman, was named captain for the Harvard game with Pennsylvania on Thanksgiving of 1893.

Jackson, right, with Coach Hickman, center, and Bill Conway.

Wedding Bells to Ring for Yale's Captain . . .

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Levi Jackson, Yale University's 1949 football captain, and the biggest man on the Eli campus today, is scheduled to speak the marital vows next April. He will marry Miss Virginia Moore, a charming young lady of New Haven, Conn. Levi met his future wife on a blind date in 1943 and they've been sweethearts ever since.

All of which means that Levi has a heavy schedule coming up for next year. He will be captain of Yale's football team and also the boss of a household. Both are big jobs, but the fleet-footed halfback is a capable young man and will be able to handle them.

Major in sociology, psychology and economics, Levi intends to go into personnel work when his college days are over. Sat-12-11-48

He doesn't have any fraternity affiliations yet but indications are there may be one or two before his senior year begins. Football captains usually become members of the Skull and Bones honor society.

Jackson says he isn't interested in a professional football career. "I went to Yale for an education and I want to do something with education and then start in a business organization and work up," Levi said recently.

Since his election to the captaincy, Levi has been busy with interviews arranged by the Yale publicity department. Personal appearances have included a meeting of the New Haven Gridiron Club, where he was awarded a plaque as the outstanding football player at Yale for 1948.

Levi Jackson, the first Negro football player in the history of Yale and newly elected captain, is certainly a gentleman of distinction.

Levi Jackson Sparks Yale In Close Game

The Commentator
Sat 12-4-48

Coach Herman Hickman's Yale University team had a tough

had anticipated little trouble winning from the University of Connecticut.

The big difference between a tied score and probable loss was Levi Alexander Jackson, Yale's first colored football player.

The final score was 7-0 in favor of Yale. Jackson scored the lone touchdown on a 15-yard pass from Tex Furse. Jackson had scored twice before only to have each score nullified because of Yale infractions. Even on the play in which the touchdown was scored Yale had just recovered from a penalty invoked on them for a back in action.

Yale meets Columbia next week and this is expected to be a tough scrap.

LEVI TO LEAD OLD ELI

Afro-American

The election of Levi Jackson as captain of the Yale football team is as it should be.

This 5 ft. 10 in., 187 lb., 22-year-old halfback is the son of a Yale dining hall employee.

He is a local campus boy who captained his high school football team and was chosen for Connecticut all-State football honors.

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At Yale, this season, he led his team in every department on offense save passing and was chosen as halfback on the Associated Press All-Eastern football team.

You could not overlook a guy like that for a football captain, even at Yale.

We are proud of old Eli; and to celebrate, we and Yale ought to sing the famous Yale "Boola Boola" football song. This is as good a time as any to remind ourselves that it was written by James Weldon Johnson and his brother.

The late Francis Gregory, Washington schoolman, was captain of the Yale Divinity baseball team back in 1899, after having captained the Amherst nine in 1898, but Jackson is the first of his race to lead a grid squad.

Not to be outdone, Harvard University has named Frank Jones, of Greensboro, N.C., to manage its football team next year, succeeding, incidentally, Dwight K. Nishimura, a Japanese, who served this year. All other managers have been white, which leads us to comment that it's hard to kee a good man down.

Yale's Levi Jackson Leads Formidable Array of Tan Stars on Mixed Elevens

The Afro American

Sat. 10-30-48

Baltimore, Md.

By STAFF CORRESPONDENT

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—Fully recovered from the injuries which hampered him all last season, Levi Jackson, 24-year-old, 185-pound fullback, is back on the Glory Road toward fotball fame and leading the parade of colored stars on major college gridirons.

The freshman sensation of the 1946 season has regained the headlines after a mediocre campaign in 1947, and stands today as one of the chief reasons why Yale is looked upon as a threat to the University of Pennsylvania's dominance in the Ivy League.

A clever, shifty ball-carrier, an alert passer and capable kicker, Jackson clings to the spotlight at this traditional institution because of his qualities as an all-round American youth. He is an above-average student and extremely popular with coaches and players of rival teams as well as with his own.

When Vanderbilt University's players came here for their tilt in Yale Bowl Saturday, they were advised in advance that it was Yale's intention "to use all her players" which was interpreted as a hidden reference to Levi. Vanderbilt, which is situated in the Dixie hotbed of Nashville, Tenn., replied: "By all means, do."

Jackson is just one of scores of youngsters winning their varsity letters as members of outstanding elevens on the nation's college gridirons. Inasmuch as there has been a tendency—and an admirable one—to refrain from identifying players as members of any particular race in radio broadcasts, it behooves this department to run down a list of names to listen for on a Saturday afternoon when the dials are being spun on football airings.

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In the East

In addition to Jackson, Eastern teams offer:

BERNIE CUSTIS and HORACE MORRIS at Syracuse, WALLY TRIPLETT and DENNIS HOGGARD at Penn State, FRITZ ALEXANDER at Dartmouth, AL BISHOP at Brooklyn College, BILL (Elmo) JACKSON at Muhlenburg, DAN TOWER and WALT COOPER at Washington and Jefferson, and BUCKY HATCHETT and HARVEY GRIMSLEY at Rutgers, AL CANNON and KEN MOSES at Columbia, JIM ROBINSON and BOB LEE at Pittsburgh, and BILL PAYNE at NYU.

In Midwest

In the Big Nine, both Gene Derricotte and George Taliaferro are back in their respective lineups at Michigan and Indiana and doing fine jobs. Others in the Midwest are:

PAUL PATTERSON at Illinois, GLEN PULLENS at Minnesota, CAL VERNON and BOB TEAGUE at Wisconsin, JIM CLARK, STAN DIXON and BOB DORSEY at Ohio State, EARL BANKS at Iowa, HORACE SMITH at Michigan State and WILFRED RAWL, BUCKNER, BROOKS and CARTER at Indiana, in addition to Taliaferro.

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In the Far West

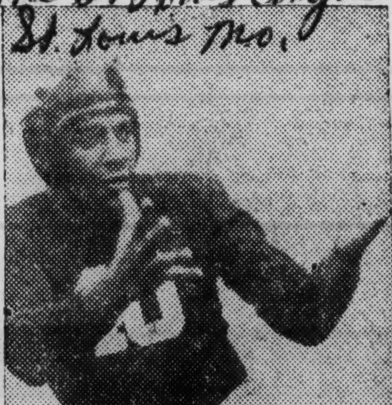
Topping the aggregation in the Pacific Coast Conference schools are Staten Webster and Len Jones, who starred for California against Navy on their Eastern invasion early this month. Others are:

TOM TRYON, with WEBSTER and JONES at California, HARRY THOMPSON, BILL DUFFY and HENRY DANIELS at UCLA, alma mater of Kenny Washington, Woody Strode and Jackie Robinson; WOODY LEWIS, CHET DANIELS and WINN WRIGHT at Oregon.—SAM LACY.

Captain At Yale

The St Louis Argus

St. Louis Mo.



Fri 11-26-48

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Nov. 22—Yale's football squad today unanimously selected Levi Jackson, star halfback, its 1949 captain.

Smiling broadly as team mates crowded about him, Jackson, the first Negro sports captain in Yale's history, said:

"It's swell."

Earlier today, he had been honored by being selected on the Associated Press' All-Eastern football team.

Fri. 11-26-48

Jackson, Yale's Ebony Express for three seasons, succeeds Bill Conway of Cleveland. After posing for pictures with Head Coach Herman Hickman, a former All-American guard at the University of Tennessee, and Conway, the squad drank the traditional toast of champagne.

Praise for Conway

Said Jackson, Yale's seventieth football captain:

"I don't know how I'll ever be able to equal the leadership shown by Bill Conway this year. He was a great captain. But I'll do my best—they're a grand bunch of guys to lead and we'll make next season a more successful one than this, if it's humanly possible. We're going to start right now."

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Jackson is a local boy whose father has been employed for many years in the university's dining halls. He captained New Haven Hillhouse High School, was an All-Connecticut scholastic fullback and currently is majoring in history and sociology.

Used Mainly on Attack

He is 22, 5 feet 10 inches tall, and weighs about 187 pounds. Jackson was used mainly on the attack this season, and led the Yale squad in every department of offense except passing, in which he trailed Quarterback Tex Furse.

Jackson served in the Army during part of 1945 and 1946 and played with the Camp Lee, Va. team. He was a staff sergeant at the time of his discharge.

Penalties Kill Three of Jackson's Scoring Plays

Afro-American

Sat 10-9-48

By JOSEPH B. FISHER JR.

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Levi Jackson, who is off to a flying start as an All-American candidate, scored the only touchdown of the game Saturday as Yale eked out a 7-0 victory over the University of Connecticut in what was supposed to have been a breather game for the Bulldogs.

Baltimore Md.

An estimated 25,000 spectators watched the "Eli express" romp to three touchdowns and throw a pass for another, only to have all but one of them nullified by penalties and a costly fumble in the end zone.

37-Yard Pass Voided

One of these was an electrifying sprint of 32 yards, another one covered six yards, and the lone legal tally was manufactured on a pass from Furse to Jackson good for 14 yards. He also threw a pass to a teammate which netted 37 yards and a touchdown, but this too was cancelled by a penalty.

For most of the first period the Elis were being pushed all around in their own territory as the "breaks" of the game went against them. A fumble by the Blues dangerously close to their own goal line in the opening minutes put the U-Conn. eleven in scoring position, but the visitors obligingly retaliated with a fumble of their own and the Bulldogs recovered, thus enabling them to punt out of trouble.

Fumbles Away Touchdown

Midway through the first period Jackson ploughed his way to the goal line from the six-yard mark, but he was hit hard as he stumbled across the double stripe and fumbled the ball. The U-Conns recovered, giving them possession first-and-ten on their own 20.

From this point on, with Yale receiving one bad break after another, it was nip and tuck until just before the close of the third quarter. With one second left in the period and the ball on the enemy 14, Quarterback Tex Furse dropped back and whipped a pass to Jackson who took it on the four-yard line and raced into the corner of the end zone.

32-Yard Run Nullified

This was the only legal score of the game, but Levi figured in two more successive touchdowns. In the final stanza, Jackson took the ball from the quarterback on a reverse and with good blocking for the first time that afternoon he threaded his way 32 yards to a touchdown. But the play was called back. A five-yard offside penalty against Yale erased the tally.

Mon 10-7-48

The Elis, their ire finally aroused by the upstart U-Conn. team, proceeded to do it all over again. On the very next play Jackson faked as if to run but faded back instead, and threw a long blooper pass that was taken by Wagster near the goal line and carried over for a touchdown. However, the fickle finger of fate was at it again, or perhaps it was the finger of one of the Yale players, for this the penalty was five yards for illegal use of the hands, and so another touchdown was eradicated.

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First Tan Leader of Eli Elected in Team Meeting

Afro American

Move Comes as Climax of Fullback's Most Brilliant Season; Dad Chef

Baltimore Maryland

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Biggest news of the week, probably of the year and possibly of the decade, broke here Monday afternoon when 43 members of the Yale football squad elected Levi Jackson the 1949 captain of the Bulldog eleven.

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Jackson, a 23-year-old junior major in sociology and history, was named in a closed meeting of the team shortly after the luncheon period. There was no other nominees.

Jackson was the first colored player in the history of the New Haven institution and, consequently, the first captain of his race. Moreover, he is the first colored captain of a major sport in any one of the Big Three schools — Yale, Harvard and Princeton.

The action came as a fitting climax to what one Yale official called "his greatest season." Preferring to remain anonymous "because any statements pertaining to the affair should come from the players who chose their captain," the source said:

"There is no question but that Levi is tremendously popular on the Yale campus. He had what I consider his best season in 1948. He did only 690 yards as against the 806 he gained in 1947 to become the third leading groundgainer in the nation. But those he made this year were all hard-earned, collected for a team that won four and lost five of its games."

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Triple Threat Star

Jackson, playing at fullback, was a triple-threat. In addition to running and, at times, passing, he handled all the punting assignments. It was his second brilliant campaign for the Eli. Last year, he suffered a head injury in a game with Cornell early in the season and was hampered thereafter.

This year, though playing on a losing club, Jackson was spectacular and, in many instances, "kept Yale in the ball game."

Born in Branford, Conn., Jackson was a sensation in high school in this city. A four-sport man, he was named captain in football, baseball and track. He was all-state in these three sports in 1943 and 1944. New England sportswriters named him the outstanding athlete in the history of high school athletics in the State of Connecticut.

In 1945, he was in the Armed forces serving at Camp Lee, where he was a staff sergeant and starred on the football team.

LEVI JACKSON

Honor to Yale

New York Herald Tribune

New York New York

The old Yale men were saying yesterday that it couldn't have happened in their day. Perhaps not, but then Yale never had a Negro football player until Levi Jackson. At any rate, the Yale lettermen assembled and instantly and unanimously elected him captain of the 1949 team. It was an important piece of history, a wonderful moment, an encouragement to the cause of equal and free opportunity for every Negro.

Levi Jackson

The Yale verdict may well lack the solemnity and measurable effects of a Supreme Court decision advancing the Negro's cause, but in this sports-conscious country of ours the boys at Yale set another precedent of real significance.

Wed 11-24-48

Here and there, day after day, the contributions against discrimination add to the steady stream. The Yale team, of course, was not acting as a court of law or convention of sociologists. It was a simple and natural act at New Haven, the honoring of an extremely able teammate who deserved to be captain. The color of Levi Jackson's skin was completely aside from the point; it just happened that this first-class halfback, the man everybody liked, was the fitting choice. Negro athletic ability is nothing new. Paul Robeson and Fritz Pollard were all-America three decades ago, leading the way to recognition of their race. In professional sport the Negro is thoroughly accepted. But the affair at Yale is something else—a personal matter, a man-to-man tribute that should lift the heart of every American. This is the direction of the times, and the men of Yale, by their warm and unaffected action, added materially to our quickening achievement.

The progress, to be sure, is uneven, for in the same day an unhappy comparison is offered by a decision in the lower courts upholding segregated instruction at the University of Oklahoma. But, on the whole, America moves ahead, and probably much faster than any of us are aware. Every Yale man is naturally hoping, with every right, for an improved season at football next year. We go even further. Under Levi Jackson, we hope Yale is undefeated.

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Jackson At Tops

Afro American

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Baltimore Md

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—Levi Jackson ran up a total of 78 yards to bring his season's record to 690, but the Yale Bulldog was unable to stop the Harvard assault and, as a result, the Crimson took down honors in their annual clash, 20-7, before 57,495 spectators Saturday.

The Afro American

Jackson Scintillates as Yale Licks Brown

Baltimore Md

By JOE FISHER

NEW HAVEN—Yale University opened her 1948 football campaign with a decisive 28-13 victory over Brown before an opening day throng of 31,000 in the Yale Bowl Saturday.

Sat. 10-2-48

Jackson, who was hobbled by injuries last season, flashed his former greatness, definitely showing that barring the injury jinx, he is in for a great season.

Levi figured prominently in each of the Eli's four tallies, personally plunging for two, passing for another and setting up the fourth with a brilliant broken fild breakaway for 57 yards.

Recover Fumble

On the opening kickoff with Brown receiving, Yale got a break when they recovered a fumble deep in Brown territory to start their first scoring march. After two running plays which brought the ball to the Bruin eleven, Jackson dropped back and heaved a well-directed pass to teammate Nadherny who stepped the remaining three yards for the touchdown.

Snapping right back in the same stanza after a series of fumbles and two exchanges of the ball, Yale was again in possession on the Brown 33-yard line. Levi, who usually could be counted on for no less than five yards whenever called upon to lug the leather, made it first and ten on the 29.

Runs to One

In a series of fast running plays, Jackson brought the ball to the one-yard line. A five yard offside penalty against the Bulldogs followed, but Jackson again carried, shedding one tackler and bouncing across two others to make the tally.

The Bruins, although outclassed, fought back to score once in the second period and another shortly after the start of the second half but a missed extra point kick cost them a tie score 14-13.

63-Yard Boot

At this point Levi returned to the fray and shortly after setting the Bruins back on their heels with a zooming 63-yard punt, he brought the crowd to its feet with the most spsctacular exhibition of broken-field running of the day, a side stepping, weaving, twisting trek of 47 yards. This run set up the Eli's third score.

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On the second play of the fourth period Jackson scooted for his second and the Eli's final score of the day, going across from the eight-yard line. From this point on there was little doubt as to who was the outstanding player of the afternoon.

Yale's Captain-Elect a Bewildered Ex-Bartender

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Levi Jackson, Star Halfback, Can Only Say: 'Gee and Jeepers'

Detroit Free Press

BY EDWIN A. LAHEY

Free Press Staff Writer

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—Unhappily for the wholesome tradition of Horatio Alger, the most critical period in the life of Levi Jackson were his months as a bartender.

Detroit Michigan

Jackson, the 22-year-old Negro town boy who was elected captain of the Yale football team was still breathless about the signal honor that has projected him onto page one from coast to coast.

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"Gee," he said, again and again. "Jeepers."

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HE WAS reading the deluge of telegrams that were pouring in, congratulating him. Most of them came from Yale alumni. Some came from the general public. One came from the staff of the Harvard Crimson.

And between gasps of appreciation and unbelief, young Jackson told the writer how his career was shaped despite his own misgivings through the encouragement of his own Mr. Chips.

The big event of his life, incidentally, was his entrance in Yale. His later fame as Yale's first Negro football star, and his climatic elevation as captain of the 1949 squad were by-products of that initial achievement.

As a Boy Scout in his native New Haven, Jackson acted as a messenger at the college football games. Yale Bowl became familiar territory.

He had another connection with Yale. His father, George Washington Jackson, has been a house chef at the university for 30 years. Wed 11-24-48

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BUT LEVI never had the courage to entertain his latent ambition to matriculate at this ivy-clad citadel of the wealthy.

"I always thought of Yale as a rich man's school," Jackson says with a somewhat inarticulate modesty that has none of the "Uncle Tom" about it. "I just didn't dream of going to Yale."

Then came New Haven High School, where Jackson was a football star. In high school, Jackson found the Mr. Chips who steered his life into fruitful challenges. He was Reginald Root, former freshman football coach at Yale, now coach at New Haven.

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"HE WAS A SWELL guy. I'll never forget him," says Jackson. "He kept telling me I could go to Yale. He kept telling me, 'You set your sails for it, and you'll make it.'"

It is at this point in the history of Levi Jackson that his bartending phase appears. When he graduated from high school in 1945, he went in the Army, and was stationed at Fort Lee, near Petersburg, Va. From December, 1945, until he was discharged in July, 1946, Jackson was a bartender in the Officers Club at Fort Lee.

"I boned up hard on that bartending job for the College Board exams," Jackson said. "I was pretty good at math, but weak in English, but studied both subjects.

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"I SENT HOME and got a grammar that we used in high school, and I used to keep this book under that bar and study it. I'd tend bar from 12 to 5 and then have a two-hour layover, and work again from 7 until midnight.

"That English book, the first part of it had all the words, the second part had grammar, punctuation, and all that. I'd read it at work and really worked hard on it on the off period in the afternoon and after church on Sunday. Wed 11-24-4

"Saturdays I didn't study. Saturday is a busy day in the Army. The officers quit at noon."

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JACKSON TOOK his entrance exams with flying colors, during a 15-day furlough, and was discharged from the Army in time to enroll as a Yale freshman in 1946, with assistance from the GI Bill.

The football star lives with his father and mother in a modest one-story frame house in West Hill, a mixed housing development on the edge of New Haven. He takes a bus to school every day. Wed-11-24-48

The big-framed, 190-pound Negro lad, who looked very Joe College in tweed jacket, tan slacks and moccasins, let his eyes drift again to the sheaf of telegrams he was holding in his hand.

"Gee," he said. "Jeepers."

Levi Jackson Elected Capt. Of Yale 11

New York New York

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Nov. 22 (UP)—Levi Jackson, the first Negro to play football at Yale, was elected as captain of the 1949 varsity team today.

Jackson was elected unanimously by the squad which last Saturday completed its season against Harvard. He succeeds Bill Conway and becomes the 70th leader of varsity football at Yale.

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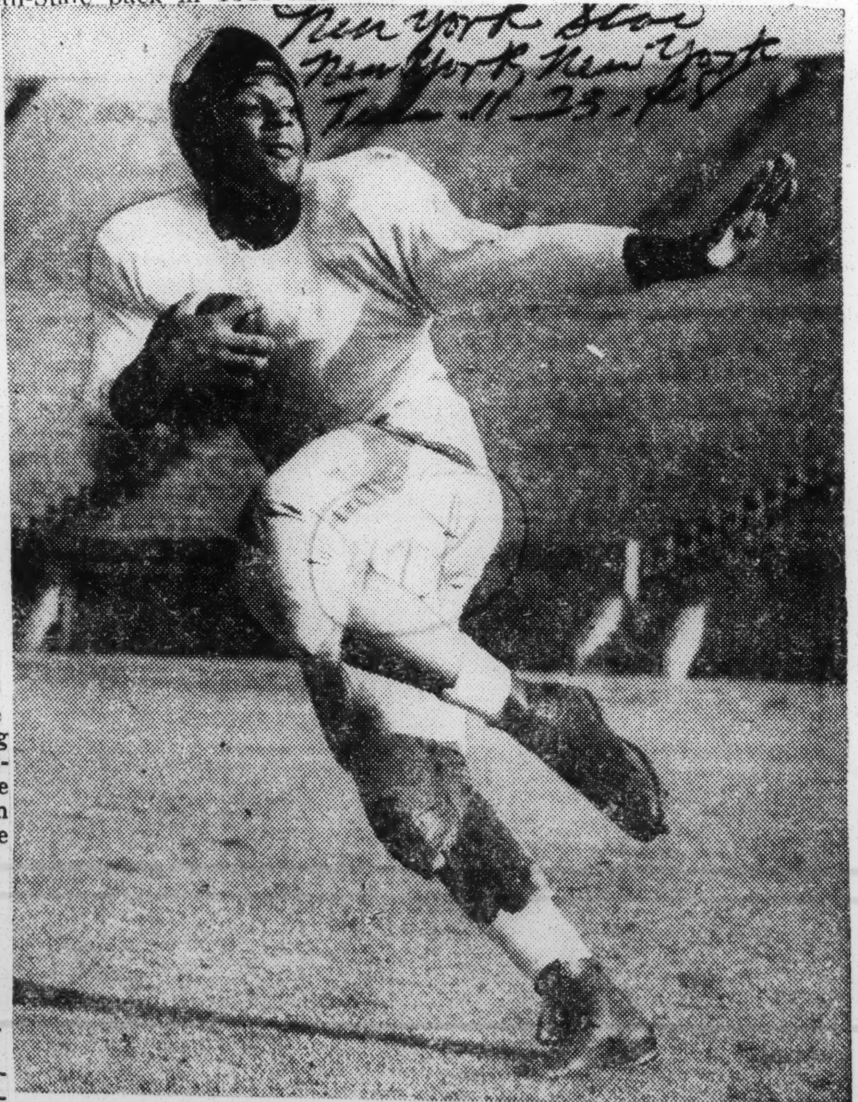
Jackson is a product of the New Haven High School, where he was captain of the 1944 team and an all-State back in 1943 and 1944.



New York Star
New York, New York
Tues 11-23-48

Levi Jackson, Yale University backfield star, has been named captain of next year's football team. Tues.-11-23-48

Associated Press Photo

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Managers

New Harvard Manager No Surprise to School

Afro American

Baltimore Md.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—(NNPA)—The job of worrying about transportation, clean uniforms, billeting and many other problems of the Harvard football team when it starts its 1949 season has been thrust upon Frank (Deacon) Jones, 20, Harvard's first colored senior manager.

While Yale was winning congratulations upon the election of Levi Jackson, fleet halfback, to the captaincy of its team, Harvard made its contribution to better race relations in this country by Jones' selection for the managerial post.

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His selection was without much fanfare — as though Harvard students had taken it for granted that competent, likeable Deacon Jones would be next year's manager. No other thought had occured to most people here because Jones had won out in three years of honest competition for the job.

Educational institutions and their problems are not unfamiliar to Jones, despite his youth. At home he heard the problems of school administration (though not football problems) discussed at the fireside and the dinner table.

His father, David Dallas Jones has been president since 1926 of Bennett College for Women in Greensboro, N.C. Dr. Jones is a graduate of Wesleyan University, and did some work at the University of Chicago, has a master's degree from Columbia and a doctorate from Howard. A Phi Beta Kappa, a member of the Board of Education of the Methodist Church, chairman of the board of trustees of Carnegie Library in Greensboro, Dr. Jones has set an example of scholarship and community service for his son.

Frank is happy over his election. "There is a fine spirit here," he said when reached briefly between classes. "This year's manager, you know, was Dwight K. Nichimura, an American of Japanese descent."

Jones thinks Yale has made a good selection in naming Jackson its 1949 captain.

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"They have done a fine thing down there," he said, "and Jackson has done a good job."

He added, with the good sportsmanship expected of Harvard's manager, but perhaps a little ruefully, "You know they beat us twice in the last three years."

Jones's older brother, David D. Jones, Jr., is a senior in the Harvard Law School and expects to graduate in February. As for the Deacon, however, he expects to follow his father into education, probably in the South. To that end he plans to attend Harvard's graduate school of education, aiming at least for a master's degree.

Grid Giants Sign Up First Negro

Daily Worker

New York, N.Y.

Fighting hard to regain some of the popularity and customers they lost to the new Yankees, the football Giants of the National League Saturday signed the first Negro player in the team's history, Emlen Tunnell, triple threat left halfback of Iowa. Both the other two local football teams, the Yanks and Dodgers, have Negro players. 7-26-48

Tunnell, a top-flight runner and passer as well as an outstanding pass receiver, will report to the Giants when the club assembles for pre-season training at Superior, Wisconsin August 2nd. He hails from Garrett Hills, Pa., stands 6-1 and weighs 187

Buddy Young is in shape for Don game

"Buddy" Young, the New York Yankee's razzle-dazzle decoy and pro football's sprint king, will definitely be in the game when the Yanks invade here next Wednesday night to take on the L. A. Dons, local entry of the All America Football Conference.

Former collegiate sprint champ and Rose Bowler, Young has been missing from the lineup in the last three Yank games because of a rib injury, which probably accounts for the New Yorkers' sad sack showing in them. The Yanks' offensive is built around Young and Spec Sanders, with Young acting principally as a decoy, while the triple-threat Sanders gathers yardage, one way or another.

Last year when the Yankees opened the season for the Dons, the 82,000 turnout set an alltime pro attendance record.

Since Monday, the Dons, fresh from a second shellacking at the hands of the San Francisco 49ers, have been working at some plausible way of stopping dual jet offensive of the invaders.

Wednesday's game opens a four-home-game stand for the Dons, with the Chicago Rockets, Baltimore colts, and Buffalo Bills following the New Yorkers into the Coliseum.

BUDDY YOUNG INJURED IN SIX-CAR MISHAP

Afro American

PLYMOUTH, Ind. (NNPA) — Claude (Buddy) Young of Chicogo, star fullback on the NY. Yankee's professional football team, was injured last week when four automobiles turned over and two others collided on U.S. Highway 30.

Baltimore, Md.

M. Motley Joe Perry Brilliant

Pittsburgh Courier

Sat 12-4-48

Pittsburgh Pa.

By HERMAN HILL

SAN FRANCISCO—In one of the most amazing demonstrations of sheer sports prowess yet chronicled in the annals of professional football, the fabulous Cleveland Browns defeated its arch rivals, the San Francisco 49ers, 31-28 at Kezar Stadium Sunday to annex the Western division title of the AAFC.

They played before a 61,000 capacity crowd, the contest marked the Brown's sixteenth straight victory, thirteen games this season and twenty games without defeat, with one tie. 47

Coach Paul Brown's Warriors really turned on the heat here at Kezar to send the highly partisan throng home talking to itself by virtue of their devastating air offense, booming defense and crunching ground game.

San Francisco's once beaten eleven was paced by the quarterbacking wizardry of Frankie Albert, the flying feet of Alyn Beals, Joe Perry, plus a dead game, but slightly outmanned line.

BRUISING GAME

Cleanly played, the surging game was a bruising battle of rock 'em and sock with neither team asking or giving quarter. Even Marion Motley, Cleveland's powerhouse fullback, was forced to the sidelines six minutes before the final gun sounded when he returned a kickoff to the 35-yard line and was swarmed under by a host of red-shirted defenders.

The 49ers got off to a shaky start when Jim Cason, halfback, fumbled on the first scrimmage play of the game and Cleveland recovered.

Seconds later, pass-master Otto Graham, tossed a 40-yard touchdown heave to dazzling Dante Lavelle for the first score.

Lou (the toe) Groza converted the first of four after touchdown points.

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FUMBLE COSTLY

A second costly fumble on the 32, again gave Cleveland the ball. Halted on the 23, Groza dropped back and booted a field goal to make the count 10-0 before the assemblage had hardly got seated.

With San Francisco in possession of the ball, Joe Perry, fullback, slashed off tackle. He was roughed by Weldon Humble, 223-pound Brown guard, and the Brown's were penalized 15 yards.

As the second quarter opened, Perry a brilliant runner all day, broke into the clear for 27 yards down to the 9. Albert then engineered the home talent's opening touchdown with Joe Vetrano booting his first of four conversions.

A long pass from Albert to Beals put the 49ers in front 14-10, midway in the period, as the crowd went delirious with excitement. Sensing victory at this stage, the battling 49ers took the ball away from Cleveland on their 30.

ALBERT TOSSES

Dropping back, Albert again rifled a pass to glue-fingered Mr. Beals, and after Vetrano's conversion, the 49ers were in front 21-10. After the kickoff, San Francisco's line rose up to down Motley for a four-yard loss on the 16, with Verl Lillywhite making the tackle. At this juncture, the 49ers' defensive set-up was swarming all over the vaunted Browns. Then the roof caved in as the Brown's demonstrated their unmistakable class.

From the 26 they drove 74 yards to a touchdown with the giant Motley going over from the six after receiving a flat pass from Otto Graham. Horace Gillom, end, aided in the drive by taking a short lob over the line and running the ball to the eight. San Francisco was forced to punt after the ensuing kickoff as the Brown's exerted the pressure.

Cleveland took over on its own 39, and again, Graham throwing, hit Lavelli, who made a spectacular catch and run to the 20. Graham then spotted Jones, halfback, in the clear and the Brown's were ahead 24-21.

Battling desperately to stay in the game, the 49ers next had a pass intercepted on its 28.

JONES SCORES

On the first subsequent play Edgar (Special Delivery) Jones, sifted through the 49ers' defense to snag another Graham heave for what proved to be the game-winning touchdown.

Unbelievable but true, the invaders had scored two touchdowns on three scrimmage plays. This thriller was by no means over as the dauntless 49ers roared back to strike pay-dirt with eight minutes left to play in the fourth and final period. It was Joe Perry this time who took Albert's toss on the 14 and weaved his way into the promised land. Score was 31-28 as Vetrano converted and the stands went beserk.

With time left for but three more plays, Albert was dropped in his tracks twice by Cleveland's booming line, and succeeded in completing one pass to Perry for a first down. Perry all but broke into the clear.

The final gun sounded as Albert was smashed to the turf as he vainly attempted to get one last pass away. As in the first titanic in Cleveland, sepia players for both clubs played heroic roles. Bill Willis, all-League guard, in a bird cage mask, big Motley and Horace Gillom, end, were magnificent for the winners.

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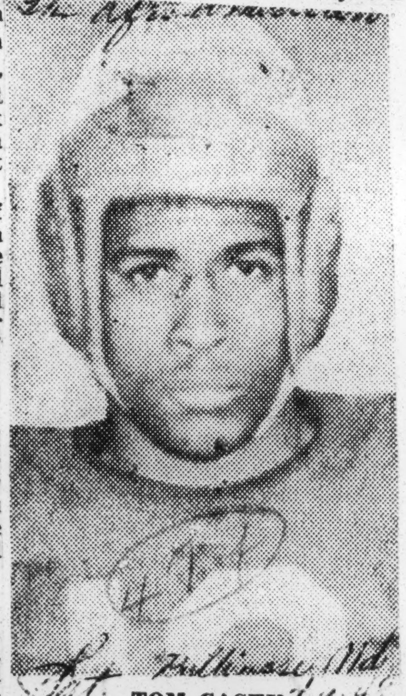

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Sat Baltimore Md

TOM CASEY 7-10-48

Los Angeles Tribune

Len Ford signs with L. A. Dons

Sat. 4-17-48

Len Ford, ace wingman for the 1948 Rose Bowl champion Michigan gridders, truned his hometown Detroit Lions, of the National Football League, down cold last Thursday and signed with the Los Angeles Dons, of the All America Conference. He was their second-draft choice. 4-17-48

Burly (220), 6' 5" and 22-years-old, Ford was a three-year veteran of Fritz Crisler's Wolverines, and mainliner on defense last season, although he saw considerable action on the offense. In last New Year's Day Rose Bowl game he carried the ball twice on end-around plays, scoring 21 yards.

Ford's main asset has been his unusual speed (for such bulk), which has made him dangerous to the opposition as a pass receiver, on pass interceptions, and on reverse plays.

Still a student at Ann Arbor, Ford has made arrangements with Don coach Jimmy Phelan to work out with the Wolverines this spring and to report to the Dons training camp July 14.

Dons Sign Negro Ace

LOS ANGELES

The Los Angeles Dons of the All America Football Conference announced yesterday the signing of Len Ford, 22-year-old Negro end from the University of Michigan.

Len Ford Signed By Los Angles Dons

LOS ANGELES—Len Ford, 2-year-old end from the University of Michigan, turned professional here Thursday when he signed a contract to play with the Los Angeles Dons of the All-America Football conference in the coming season. Ford is to report to the team July 14 when the Dons begin training at Vetura, Cal.

The 6-foot, 5-inch, 220 pounder played defensive end at Michigan for the last three seasons. In the last Rose bowl tilt, he carried the ball twice on end around plays to gain 21 yards in Michigan's 49 to 0 beating of University of Southern California. Sat. 4-24-48

'Ford No Model T'

By HERMAN HILL

Sat. 4-24-48

Pittsburgh Pa.

LOS ANGELES—Along the West Coast Sports Trail . . . Hailing the signing of Len Ford of a L. A. Don contract last week, sports scribe Morton Moss warned other Don wingmen that they would have to "hitch up their pants and pour on the energy as this Ford is no model T."

Management of the San Diego Padres have been advised by various hotel managers in coast league cities that Johnny Ritchey will be cordially welcomed within their portals. Manager of the Alexander Hamilton Hotel in S. F. wrote: "If he is good enough to play on your team, he is more than welcome at our hotel." . . . Charley Starks, ex-Illinois halfback, has enrolled at Oregon U., after coming West to enter UCLA . . . Starks will be eligible for the Webfoot powerhouse this fall . . . Chalky Wright, ex-feather champ, turns beverage store manager next month . . . Dave Minor, UCLA's All-Coast guard, is a member of the Bruin track and field team . . . he's a high jumper . . . Harry Thompson, 225-pound junior tackle, looms as a regular in the UCLA grid lineup this season . . . Ollie Matson, Washington High's all-star halfback, and S. F. city sprint champion, will graduate this June and is already swamped with college offers from every section of the country . . . Mechanic Mel Leighton is the only person of his race to own a car in Western Racing Association . . . his No. 2 Riley Special won the main event recently at Carrell Speedway in Gardena, near Los Angeles.

For the first time in many a moon, Los Angeles does not have a top notch local Negro fighter who is a box office draw . . . that is with the exception of Harold Dade and if Harold continues to have to fight opponents weighing five or more pounds heavier . . . we wont have him long. Braven Dyer, Los Angeles Times sport writer, was really taken over the coals for labelling Joe Louis as a former "Alabama Pickaninny" in his column.

Ford Joins Dons; Grooms Signs With Detroit Lions

The Courier

Sat. 4-24-48

DETROIT, Mich.—Fleet-footed Mel Grooms, former University of Indiana halfback, became the first Negro to sign a contract with the Detroit Lions of the National Football League, inking a pact here with Head Coach and General Manager Alvin (Bo) McMillan "sometime Friday or Saturday."

Meanwhile, Lenny Ford, keyman in the defensive strategy of Michigan's 1947 Big Nine and Rose Bowl championship football squad, ended speculation as to whether or not he would join the Detroit professional entry by signing a one-year contract with the Los Angeles Dons of the All-America Conference Wednesday in Ann Arbor.

Both Ford and Bob Mann, offensive star of Michigan's undefeated, untied team of last year, were offered contracts by the Lions but Ford declined, saying the Dons offer was "much more appealing."

Groomes was expected to sign from the moment McMillin, former Indiana grid tutor, began negotiations for his services. McMillin hinted that Mann was also ready to sign.

Sat. 4-24-48

THIRD IN NFL

Aside from being the first Negro to play for any Detroit professional sports team—baseball, football, hockey or basketball—Groomes is the third Negro to play in the NFL Circuit. Kenny Washington and Woody Strode of the Los Angeles Rams preceded him. Strode is no longer with the team. Groomes is a defensive specialist and was one of the Hoosier's leading ground gainers for three years under McMillin. He also starred in track for Indiana.

Sat. 4-24-48

Ford stated that he would probably enroll in medical school in California. A six-foot, five-inch giant from Washington, D. C., he is exceptionally fast and deceptive. He will report to the Dons on July 14.

Signed by Dons

Afro American

Leonard (Lenny) Ford, former Michigan University grid star, who was signed last week to play for the Los Angeles Dons in the All-America professional league.

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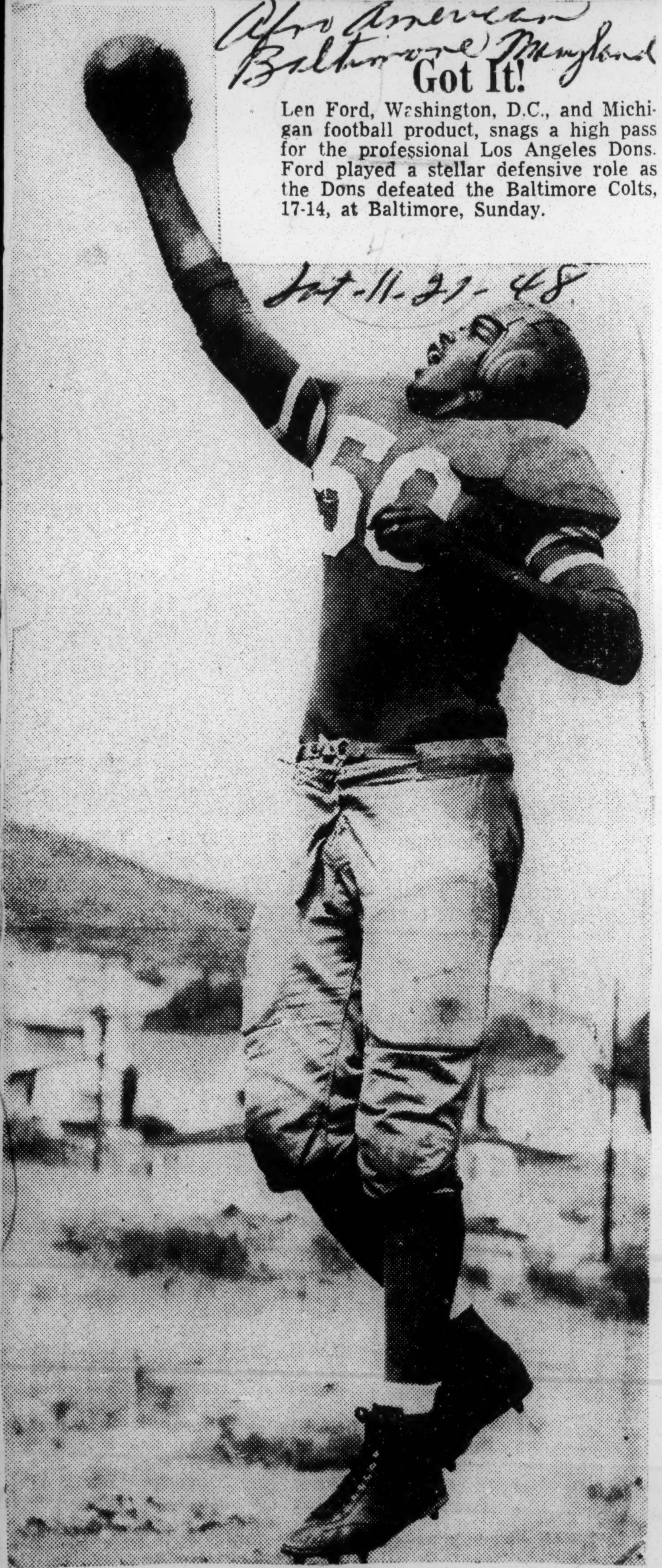
Baltimore Maryland

Got It!

Len Ford, Washington, D.C., and Michigan football product, snags a high pass for the professional Los Angeles Dons. Ford played a stellar defensive role as the Dons defeated the Baltimore Colts, 17-14, at Baltimore, Sunday.

Sat-11-27-48



Grid Yanks Sign 3 Negro Players

Daily Worker
New York, N.Y.

The Yankees of the All America Football Conference have signed three Negro players who will report to the fall training camp. are Fred Cooper of Virginia Union and Tom Casey of Hampton, backs, and Charley Anderson, formerly of Ohio State, an end. Wed.

Buddy Young, half of the great Sanders-Young Yankees backfield combine, was the first Negro to play pro football for a New York team. 6-30-48

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3 NEGRO PLAYERS SIGNED

The Times

Football Yankees Add 2 Backs and an End to the Squad

New York, N.Y.

The New York Yankees of the All-America Football Conference announced yesterday, through Coach Ray Flaherty, that three Negro players had been added to the squad for the coming season. These include Thomas Casey of Hampton Institute and Fred Cooper of Virginia Union, backs, and Charles Anderson, formerly of Ohio State, an end. Tues.

Casey was a Negro All-American for two years, while Anderson, who played professional football on the Coast after starring with the Buckeyes, was an all-Western Conference selection and made some All-America elevens. 6-29-48

Claude (Buddy) Young was the lone Negro on the Yankee squad until the trio was signed.

Grid Yanks Sign 3 College Stars

The Courier, Pittsburgh Pa.

Sat. 7-10-48

NEW YORK—(ANP)— Signing of "Cannonball" Freddie Cooper, former Virginia Union halfback, was announced last week by the New York Yankees At the same time the Yankees also announced signing of Hampton's Tom Casey and Charles Anderson, Ohio State end who has been playing on the coast.

Cooper, one of Union's greatest backs in recent years, was the sparkplug of Union's last good football team. Since his graduation Cooper has played some semi-pro ball in Richmond, where he is now a member of the high school teaching staff. It was an injury to Cooper that precipitated an almost free-for-all fight with Lincoln and caused the breaking off of athletic relations between the Pennsylvania and Virginia schools. "Cannonball" from Haddonfield, N. J., was an All-State halfback in high school before he went to Union where he won All-American honors.

Defender
Chicago Ill.
Sat.
7-31-48

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EMLEN TUNNELL, star back on the University of Iowa's 1947 football team but who dropped out of school because of scholastic difficulties in the spring, has been signed by the New York Giants football team.

PIGGOTT, ANDERSON SIGN '48 CONTRACTS WITH L. A. DONS

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LOS ANGELES—(ANP)—Two "sophomores," Bert Piggott and Ezzrett "Sugarfoot" Anderson, last week signed contracts to again play with the Los Angeles Dons of the All American Football conference. Fri.

Piggott, former fullback for the Illini 1946 Rose Bowl champions, plays halfback and Anderson is a crowd pleasing end. End Len Ford of last year's Michigan Rose Bowl champions is also a member of the Dons squad. 7-9-48

Huskies have 2 Negroes on grid squad

Los Angeles Tribune
Sat. 4-17-48

SEATTLE, Wash.—For the first time since the middle 30's Washington's Husky grid squad will have a Negro player among its hopefuls, who are now hard at spring training.

Last week, the Huskies had not ont but two Negroes in uniform and scrapping for a berth on the 1948 squad. They were Walter Green and Charles Gill, two greenhorns who aren't likely to cut any hellfirin' figures, but who have a solid chance to make the grade.

Of all the Pacific Conference schools, Washington has had the least to do with Negro athletes. Last one to win a letter in football was Charley Russell, a big, herd-riding back, who dropped out after his first season.

Green and Gill are getting their chance off coach Odell, the same who gave Levi Jackson a chançe at Yale a couple of years ago.

Rams have toughest NFL schedule

Los Angeles Tribune
Sat. 4-17-48

Los Angeles' Rams face the toughest going in professional football history this fall, according to their 12-game 1948 National Football League schedule released this week.

After opening their "no-breather" season in Los Angeles against Bo McMillin's Detroit Lions and the Philadelphia Eagles, the Rams take to the road to face the Chicago Bears, Green Bay Packers, and a return match with the Lions.

Then on five successive Sundays, the Rams face the championship Chicago Cardinals, Bears, New York Giants, Cardinals, and Packers — in that order. First two and the final game of this run will be played in the Coliseum.

Next, the Rams fly to the capitol to take on the Washington Redskins, and then return home for the season finale against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

The Rams face every member of the league with the exception of the Boston Yanks, and the schedule calls for three road trips during the regular season.

Casey, ex-Hampton Ace, Shines in Pro Grid Bow

Afro-American
Sat 8-21-48
Baltimore, Md.

Shares Limelight with Budy Young as N.Y. Yankees Tie Buffalo Bills

By ART CARTER

NEWARK—Tom Casey, former All-CIAA triple-threat halfback from Hampton Institute, lived up to his advance training camp clippings Thursday night as the ex-Pirate made his pro football debut with the New York Yankees, who battled the Buffalo Bills to a 28-28 deadlock at Ruppert Stadium.

Casey, slim 175-pound back, who operated with Coach Ray Flaherty's No. 2 backfield, passed and ran brilliantly and, for good measure, kicked the best punt of the hot night, a booming second-period 54-yard boot which rolled out on the Bills' 6-yard line.

With Buddy Young and Spec Sanders, the Mr. Lightning and Mr. Thunder combination of the Yankees taking adequate care of the scoring, Casey did not get into the scoring column, but he shared

Bob Mann, Ford Weigh Pro Football Careers

The Afro American

3-14-48

WASHINGTON

Lenny Ford and Bob Mann, scintillating ends of the University of Michigan's championship team, disclosed, Wednesday, they had signed no professional football contracts, but hinted the New York Yankees of the All-America Conference may be interested in them.

Baltimore Md

Ford spent several days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ford Sr., during a lull in midyear examinations at Michigan. He was joined here, Tuesday by Bob Mann who concluded a conference with Coach Ray Flaherty of the New York Yankees earlier this week. Both returned to Michigan yesterday (Thursday).

Mann admitted talking football with Coach Flaherty, but said no commitments were made. Now weighing 175 pounds, Mann revealed he would like to play with the Yankees, but was hesitant to arrive at any terms because he is expecting to receive feelers from sveral other professional teams in the All-America Conference and the National Football League.

Later this year, Coach Flaherty will make a trip out to Ann Harbor, Mich., disclosed, and perhaps a deal may be made then. The Yankee coach, it is believed, has plans where Mann will be used at end on offense and at halfback on defense.

Sat 3-14-48

Whether Ford will play for the Yankees depends on whether the Los Angeles Dons will trade him. The Dons secured his draft rights last December, but have made no move to bring him into the fold. In the case of Ford, it was disclosed, the Yankees may suggest a trade.

Meanwhile Ford and Mann will play professional basketball with the Ann Arbor All-Stars and Jesse Owens's Olympians. The All-Star team will make a tour of the east later this month, and will include Washington and Baltimore in its itinerary.—FRED LEIGH.

Sat 3-14-48

On the Mixed Grids

The Afro-American

Baltimore Md

Collegiate

Professional

Following are nutshell accounts of games in which colored players performed on mixed college and professional football fields the past week end.

Pitt Plunked

PITTSBURGH — The efforts of Jim Robinson and Bob Lee were not enough to keep the University of Pittsburgh eleven from dropping a 33-14 decision to Southern Methodist, 1947 Cotton Bowl aggregation, here Saturday afternoon.

Robinson's running set up one of the two Pitt touchdowns and the brilliant passing of Lee payed the way for the second.

Sat. 10-2-48

Michigan Ahead

EAST LANSING — Gene Derricotte paced the 1947 Rose Bowl champion Michigan powerhouse to a 13-7 triumph over Michigan State here Saturday, though the senior halfback ace did not figure in the actual scoring.

For the losers, Horace Smith was back in the fold and performed creditably. He reeled off several yard-gaining runs but also failed to tally.

Clark for Buckeyes

COLUMBUS—Jimmy Clark and Bob Dorsey collaborated to hand the Ohio State machine a 21-7 victory over Missouri here in Saturday's inaugural grid contest.

It was Dorsey's interception of a Tiger pass on his own 30, and a subsequent runback to midfield that gave the Buckeyes possession of the ball for their clincher touchdown. The marker followed a series of runs—12, 8 and 13 yards—by Clark, who then winged his left flank to pay dirt.

Patterson Gets Two

CHAMPAIGN — Paul Patterson, only remaining tan member of the Illinois machine which once boasted five colored aces, tallied two touchdowns as the Illini whipped Kansas State, 40-0, here Saturday.

Patterson is a holdover from the Illini quintet which included Buddy Young, Bert Piggott, Ike Owens, now professionals, and Charley Starke, currently at NYU.

Hatchett Held

NEW YORK — Bucky Hatchett, runner-up for high scoring honors with the 1947 Rutgers eleven, was held in check here Saturday as the Scarlet absorbed a 27-6 lacing at the hands of a powerful Columbia machine.

Sat. 10-2-48

Horace Grimsley, backfield ace of the losers, also failed to tally against the heavier and harder charging Columbia line.

The Lions, incidentally, presented their first colored player in more than a decade. He is Alfred Cannon, a 19-year-old sophomore end from Westbury, N.Y. Cannon, who weighs 182 and stands 6 feet one, turned in a magnificent defensive job.

NYU, Starke Bow

ITHACA — Charley Starke, former teammate of Buddy Young at Illinois, saw brief action here Saturday as the New York University eleven suffered a 47-6 shellacking at the hands of Cornell. Starke performed well defensively.

Pullens Plays

SEATTLE—Glen Pullens, speed demon of the Minnesota Gophers, ripped off several yard-eating gains here Saturday, but was unable to register a touchdown as the Big Nine outfit conquered Washington, 20-0.

Sat 10-2-48

Mann on Loser

LOS ANGELES—Bob Mann, ex-University of Michigan end, played his first professional league game here Thursday as his Detroit Lions were crushed, 44-7, by the Los Angeles Rams of the National Football League.

In this game, Kenny Washington, in his third pro season, performed creditably at halfback for the victors but went without scoring.

Duo With Winner

BUFFALO—With Joe Perry, ex-GI halfback, and Bob Mike, former UCLA star, taking part, the San Francisco Forty-Niners remained unbeaten in professional All-American Conference play here Sunday, by tripping the Buffalo Bills, 38-28.

Browns Best

CLEVELAND — Overcoming a half-time lead of 10-0, the champion Cleveland Browns, with Marion Motley, Bill Willis and Horace Gillom, scored their fourth All-America Conference game of the season.

The Browns defeated the Chicago Rockets, 21-10, with Ike Owens playing a stellar role for the losers.

Can't Stop Motley--Can't Stop Browns

Daily Worker

New York

Big Marion Motley, all six-feet and 240 pounds of him, has been one of the prime reasons for the Cleveland Browns complete domination of the All America Football Conference for the past three years —because rival coaches haven't found a way of stopping him short of violating the rules.

In his first two years in pro football, after coming to the Browns from the University of Nevada, Motley has gained more than a mile while crashing enemy lines and has scored 21 touchdowns. He also has been a vital cog in Cleveland's two championship playoff victories, scoring once and steam-rolling more than 200 yards along the ground. And when used as a line-backer, very few backs got past him.

Wed 11-24-48

BORN IN LEESBURG, Georgia, on June 5, 1920, the Negro ace first came to the attention of Paul Brown, his present coach, while he was starring for Canton McKinley's football team against Brown's Massillon High School club.

Motley's high school mentor, Jimmy Aiken, sent him along to the University of Nevada where he captained the football team and won All-America mention—but he was a comparative unknown when he showed up for practice with the newly organized Cleveland Browns in the summer of 1946.

One of the greatest moments of his career came when his Great Lakes Navy team, coached by Brown, smashed Notre Dame, 39 to 7.

After Motley showed Brown that he could blast a line with the best of them, the shrewd Cleveland coach devised a special series of plays which enabled Motley to gain almost at will.

Wed 11-24-48

THIS IS Cleveland's famed 32-trap or as many league experts refer to it "the bread-and-butter" play. In this play, quarterback Otto Graham gets the pass from center and fakes to his two halfbacks, drawing the opposition guards. Then, Graham sends Motley through the vacated spot and boom—Motley is off! The Browns haven't lost yet this season and have been beaten only three times in three years. The "trap play" is one of the reasons.

This season, Motley threatens to surpass his first two pro years with better than 800 yards rushing in 11 games . . . or almost 100 yards per game. In Sunday's must game against New York, Motley scored twice and was always on hand when the Browns needed that one yard for a first down.

In the off season, Motley who lives in Cleveland with his wife and three boys, keeps in trim playing basketball.

If the other clubs ever expect to wrest the championship away from the Cleveland Browns, the first move in the process would be finding a way to stop Motley.

Wed 11-24-48

Joins Football Dodgers

Sat 4-17-48

Dr. W. S. Davis, president of Tennessee State College, offers congratulations to Robert Drummond (right), All-American and All-Midwestern Conference tackle for three years (1945-46-47), for receiving a contract to play pro football with the Brooklyn Dodgers of the All-America Conference.

NFL Places Six Players

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All-America Conference Gets Five Positions; 2 Repeats From '47

Montgomery Advertiser

By FRANK ECK

AP Newsfeatures Sports Editor

NEW YORK, Dec. 16—Six players from the National League and five stars from the All-America Conference have been named on The Associated Press 1948 All-Pro football team announced today.

Fri 12-17-48

While there is no true basis of comparison between the two rival circuits—they do not play inter-league games—the players were chosen after tabulating reports of Associated Press sports writers in the 14 cities with major professional elevens.

The backfield includes Otto Graham and Marion Motley of the champion Cleveland Browns of the Conference and Steve Van Buren of the Philadelphia Eagles and Charley Trippi of the Chicago Cardinals of the National League.

Graham and Van Buren are repeaters from the 1947 team. Van also made the 1945 team.

The National League holds the edge on the line with Clyde (Bulldog) Turner of the Chicago Bears of the NL chosen at center. The remaining linemen are End Mac Speedie of Cleveland, Tackle Bob Reinhard of the Los Angeles Dons and Guard Dick Barwegan of the Baltimore Colts of the Conference and End Mal Kutner of the Chicago Cards, Tackle Dick Huffman of the Los Angeles Rams and Guard Garrard Ramsey of the Chicago Cards of the NL.

Fri 12-17-48

Turner, Speedie and Huffman repeat from the 1947 team with Turner getting the pivot post for the third straight year.

The team consists of six-footers with a line averaging 221 pounds. Five former All-America college players are on the team. They are Reinhard of California, Ramsey of William and Mary, Huffman of Tennessee, Otto Graham of Northwestern and Charley Trippi of Georgia.

Van Buren, Philadelphia's ball carrying meteor, is one of the real standouts in pro football. He is enjoying one of his best years with the Eagles, having again paced them to the Eastern division title in the National League with his deceptive running.

The former Louisiana State University back, playing his fifth season with Earle (Greasy) Neale's charges, ranks high in scoring and in ground gaining.

Trippi lived up to his advance billing. Heralded as one of the best backs ever to come out of the south, he was a National League standout as he led the Cardinals to the Western division crown in his second season with the play-for pay pigskinners. A brilliant runner, Trippi is among the league's top scorers and punters.

Big Yard Gainer

Graham, a big man in the conference as a yard gainer, has led the Browns to numerous records. They are unbeaten in their last 23 games. Under his quarterbacking Coach Paul Brown's charges went through 14 reguler league games this year without a setback. Since the loop began three years ago Graham has been the Brown's ace.

Motley, a 238-pound Negro back, is the Bronko Nagurski of the Conference. He is the best rusher in the circuit. He has proven time and again to be one of the fastest runners over 200 pounds, despite a succession of minor injuries including one requiring six stitches in his upper lip.

Fri 12-17-48

Graham and Motley have made the All-Conference team three years in a row and are partly responsible for the domination the Browns enjoy in the AAC.

Spirited Voting

The selection of Van Buren and Graham practically was unanimous. For the other backfield spots the voting was spirited with Frankie Albert and John Strzykalski of the San Francisco 49ers, George McAfee of the Bears, Pat Harder of the Cards, Sammy Baugh of the Washington Redskins, Tommy Thompson of the Eagles and Chet Mutryn of the Buffalo Bills getting a lot of attention.

Thirty-two backs figured in the selections.

Turner, 235-pound Bear gained the All-Pro center post for the seventh time after a close voting duel with George Strohmeyer of the Brooklyn Dodgers. Twelve centers received consideration from the experts.

In the battle for end posts, 16 players were mentioned with Speedie, ex-Utah athlete, and Kutner nosing out Alyn Beals of the 49ers, Pete Pihos of the Eagles and Alton Baldwin of Buffalo.

Twenty Tackles Mentioned

Twenty tackles drew votes with Huffman and Reinhard getting the call over Fred Davis of the Bears, Lou Rykmus of the Browns and Al Wistert of the Eagles.

Bill Willis of the Browns pressed Ramsey and Barwegan for the first team guard posts in competition that included the names of 22 players.

Sat 4-17-48

Dodgers Sign Drummond, Tenn. State Grid Star

The Defender

BROOKLYN, N. Y.— Robert Drummond, Tennessee State College's tackle and picked by Fay Young on his 1946 and 1947 All-American, was signed Friday by the Brooklyn Dodgers football team.

Sat 4-3-48

Drummond, whose home is in Birmingham, affixed his signature to the Dodgers contract at Tenn. State College in the presence of Dr. W. S. Davis, president, and Henry Kean, head football coach.

Chicago Ill.

Kenny Washington Signs With Rams

The Black Dispatch

LOS ANGELES. — (ANP) — Football star Kenny Washington dispelled all doubts that he would return to the gridiron when he signed his 1948 contract to play his third season with the Los Angeles Rams of the National Football league.

Okla City Okla Sat 5-29-48

It has been rumored that Washington would give up the pigskin for a motion picture career. Last year he averaged 7.4 yards per try in runs to lead the league in average yardage. He also had the season's longest run, 92 yards from scrimmage, against the champion Chicago Cardinals.

Detroit Lions sign Groomes; dicker with Mann and Ford

Los Angeles Tribune

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DETROIT -- Third Negro player of the National Football League's latter-day history was signed on last week by the Detroit Lions. He was Mel Groomes, 1947 mainstay back of the University of Indiana. And the chances are that the Lions will raise the roster to five, for they are making inviting overtures to Len Ford and Bob Mann, number-one ends of the Rose Bowl champion Michigan eleven.

Groomes, who was the utility man of Indiana's backfield for the past three seasons, was signed two weeks ago, according to coach Alvin "Bo" McMillin. Like Chalmers "Bump" Elliott, Groomes Big 9 eligibility was cut short recently by action of the conference administration. Besides putting in three years at wingback, he was the Hoosiers' ace high-jump man.

Coach McMillin said he thought Groomes was one of the best pass defense men he had ever run across, and was worth his salt as a pass snagger, too.

Last year, he played the backfield with George Taliaferro, Chick Jagado, and Rex Grossman.

At the time he made the announcement about Groomes, McMillin said he had just mailed contracts to Ford and Mann which might settle the differences which have stood in the way ever since negotiations were opened a couple of months ago. He indicated that this was the last offer the Lions would make the pair.

Kenny "Kingfish" Washington, former UCLA great, was the first Negro signed by a NFL team since Joe Lillard played with the Chicago Cardinals back in 1931. Second Negro hired since by a league team was Washingtons UCLA teammate Woodrow Strode, who was released by the Rams last year.

47f 1948 Professional (Bob Mann)

"Daily Worker" New York

GRID LIONS SIGN MANN, 2nd NEGRO

DETROIT, April 20 (UP).—Bob Mann, speedy end on Michigan's Big Nine championship football team last year, has signed a contract to play with the Detroit Lions of the National Football League, it was announced today. Wed.

Alvin N. (Bo) McMillin, Lions head coach, said the lanky Negro star from New Bern, N. C., was the 37th player and the fifth end to join the club's 1948 fold. . .

47f 1948

Professional (Robert Smith)

B'KLYN 11 SIGNS NEGRO LINESMAN

Daily Worker
New York, N.Y.
Fri. 2-27-48

Continuing his moves to strengthen the sagging fortunes of the grid Dodgers, new coach Cart Voyles yesterday signed an outstanding tackle in Robert Smith of Southern University, La., a Negro school.

Smith, who is 24, weighs 230 pounds and is reputed to be a tremendous man on offense and defense, was not on any draft lists as Negro schools are usually overlooked. 2-27-48

He is the second Negro on the All American Association team now being run by Branch Rickey. Elmore Harris, halfback, is still on the roster, and while used mainly to return kickoffs last year, is supposed to have been picking up the needed savvy with which to utilize his speed and drive this year

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Dodgers Sign Negro Tackle, Robert Smith

P.M. New York, N.Y.
Fri. 2-27-48

The football Dodgers yesterday signed a Negro tackle, Robert Smith of Ocean Springs, Miss., for their team, bringing to 13 the number of players acquired since Branch Rickey and his baseball associates took over the franchise.

Smith, who is 24 and weighs 230 pounds, played with Southern University at Baton Rouge, La. Fri 2-27-48

Football Giants Sign Emlen Tunnell, Iowa Back

Emlen Tunnell, the triple-threat Negro tailback who put teeth into the attack which made Iowa a dangerous foe throughout the mid-West last season, has been signed by the New York Football Giants. He will make his Polo Grounds debut on Sept. 14, when the Giants tackle the Chicago Bears in the Herald Tribune's annual Fresh Air Fund All-Star game. 47f Herald

Tunnell's qualifications as a triple-threater are somewhat unorthodox—he runs and passes, as most tailbacks do, but his third specialty is pass receiving. He reached his peak in that department in Iowa's 27-14 upset of Iowa last year, when he caught six passes for 153 yards and three touchdowns. Against Notre Dame, he contributed a sixty-six-yard run. Tribune

A native of Garrett Hill, Pa., Tunnell is twenty-three years old, weighs 187 pounds and stands six feet one inch. His presence on a squad which contains passers like Paul Governali, Charley Connerly and Skippy Minisi and pass-grabbing ends like Bill Swiacki, Ray Poole, Bruce Gehrke and Paul Walker should add considerably to the variety and potency of the Giant attack. In Tunnell and Joe Scott, Steve Owen's team will have two outstanding receivers in the backfield. Herald Tribune

Highly recommended to Owen by Eddie Anderson, his Iowa coach, Tunnell also will be available to the Giants for his ability to play safety and his durability. At Iowa, he was a frequent sixty-minute performer. Furthermore, he will be valuable insurance as a relief man for passing and straight-running chores. New York N.Y.

Of special interest will be the showing that Tunnell (who is the first Negro ever to play for the Giants) makes against the Bears in the All-Star game. He will appear alongside some of the most publicized rookies ever to come into the National League—Chicago's Johnny Lujack, Bobby Layne and George Connor and the Giants' Connerly, Minisi, Swiacki, Gehrke and Walker (All-America about women standing in back of him. Despite this mental disturbance he again carded a par.

On the long tenth hole, Haas missed a twenty-foot putt by less than an inch which didn't serve

abilities but varying degrees of Newspaper fame will be plainly in evidence. [illegible]

Football Giants Sign Ern Tunnell

Defender

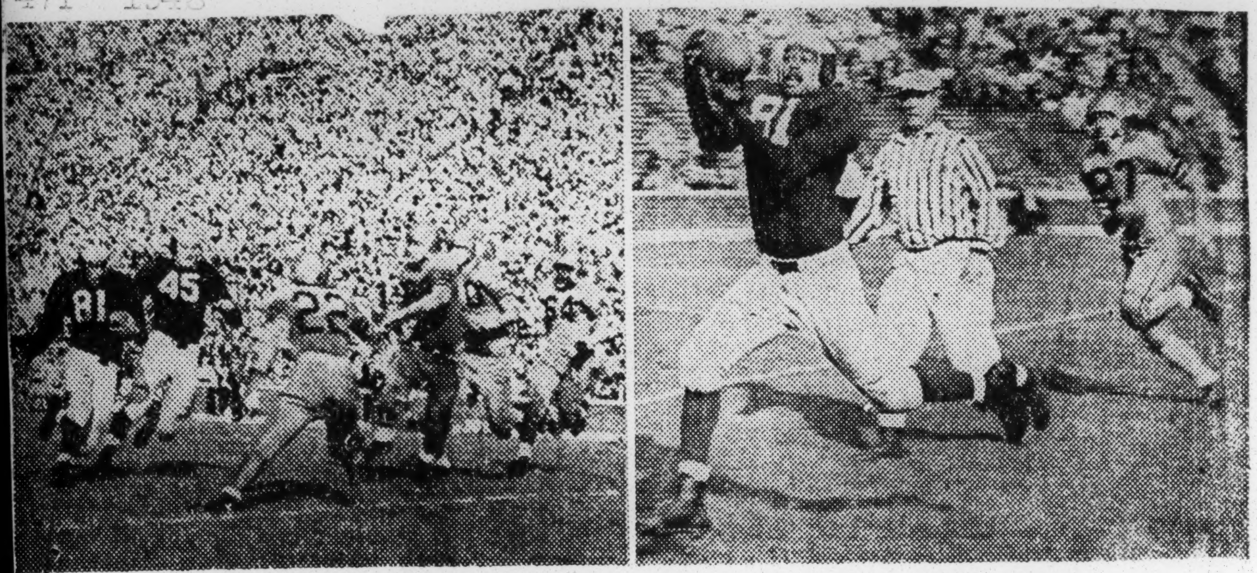
Chicago Ill

NEW YORK — Emlen Tunnell, former University of Iowa triple threat back, signed on the dotted line to play football with the New York Giants for an undisclosed salary, Saturday, to become the first Negro to join the Gotham National Football League club.

Coach Steve Owen said Tunnell, who will report to the Giants' Superior, Wis., training base August 2, will see action against the Green Bay Packers at Minneapolis, August 29. He will be in the lineup against the Detroit Lions at Flint Mich., September 7, and will appear in his first New York game against the Chicago Bears in the Polo Grounds, September 14. 1-31-48

Tupnnell, who is 23, stands six feet, one inch, and weighs 187 pounds. His home is Garrett Hill, Pa. He was recommended to the Giants by Dr. Eddie Anderson, Iowa football mentor. Sat.

The New York Yanks in the All-America Conference announced that Claude "Buddy" Young returned his signed contract, Saturday.



LEFT: "Wotta" Mann, 81, on an end-around play against Minnesota. Right: Catching a pass against Pitt.

Was 'Talked Into' Position

Courier

Michigan's Big 9 End Mann Helped Bring Rose Bowl "Bid"

Pittsburgh, Pa.

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By WILL ROBINSON

DETROIT—When mighty Michigan, the precision football juggernaut that vied with Noter Dame all season for the Nation's mythical collegiate championship, nailed down the school's best record in fifteen years—undefeated Western Conference champions—Bob Mann, one of three tan gridders on the team, played a prominent part in the nine straight victories which brought a Rose Bowl bid against University of Southern California in Pasadena, Calif., on New Year's Day.

Gene Derricotte and Lenny Ford are the other two tan members of the Wolverine combine that rang up fifty touchdowns against eight for all opponents for a total of 345 points to 53.

Mann, the slender sinewy speedster who gained an end position on the 1947 All-Big-Nine first team selected by the Associated Press, is the "fifth wheel" in Michigan's 1947 touchdown chariot. Ike Owens of Illinois, another tan wingman, received the other end post.

SCORED FOUR TOUCHDOWNS Sat

In addition to setting [illegible] many scores, the 167-pound terminal tallied four touchdowns this year while playing a position that he literally was "talked into." A halfback at West Street High School in his hometown of New Bern, N. C., (the school's only sport) and later an All-CIAA back at Hampton Institute, this was the position he sought when he went out for football at Michigan in 1944.

But Fritz Crisler and Bennie Costerbaan, head coach and backfield mentor, respectively, needed ends. "With your speed you'd make a fine end," Costerbaan told Mann. Bob figured that perhaps Costerbaan knew what he was talking about since Bennie was a three-time All-American wingman himself, but he still loved that ball-carrying role.

"Besides," urged Costerbaan, "you'll still have a chance to carry the ball. Michigan always has had an end-around play, and with a fast, agile end like you can be, we can work out some new variations." Sat 12-13-47

That sold Mann, and he just was getting into stride in the 1944 Indiana game when a knee injury put him out for the season. It wasn't until last year, after a hitch in the Army, that the 23-year-old pre-medical student got back into stride. In fact, it wasn't until the Wisconsin game . . won by Michigan, 28-6 . . . that Bob really rounded into form. In that game he scored two touchdowns on passes—two Herculean catches—that started the Badgers on the road to ruin. Bob finished the season by setting a modern record in the Western Conference for ground-gaining by ends.

DEVELOPED CHANGE OF PACE

The snake-hipped fugitive from a halfback's fate developed a nice pivot and change of pace this year. He reeled off an average of nine yards per try around end, caught passes good for more than 200 yards, and scored four touchdowns in competition with teams that year in and year out have rated as the toughest in the sport. One of these TDs was a never-to-be-forgotten 51-yard dash around end against Northwestern that was the ball-carrying highlight of the game.

Bob was a fine defensive end also, even at 167 pounds. Offensively, his record speaks for itself . . . and from one to three men were assigned to prevent his breaking away. For instance, in the Ohio State game, two men were covering his downfield maneuvering to get open for a pass when he bumped one and was thrown off balance. But that didn't prevent him from making a circus catch of the pigskin to place the ball within three yards of the Buckeye's goal line to set up the first Wolverine score.

His greatest thrill? Blocking. His proudest moment to date is the time he threw the key block that let teammate Chalmers (Bump) Elliott get away for a decisive touchdown run against Illinois. Courier

Mann is the youngest of three children (there're a brother and a sister). He started playing football weighing 99 pounds and tipped the scales at 150 in his senior year in high school where he captained the team. Pittsburgh, Pa.

ALSO A TRACK STAR Sat 12-13-47

As a trackman he runs the sprints and 440. Starting is his forte, and last spring he was ahead of both Bill Mathis, Big Nine 100-yard champ, and Herb McKenley, world's 440-yard titlist, at 50 yards in the Big Nine furlong event. He's a topnotch basketball player and has fought in the New York Golden Gloves carnival.

Quite a boy is end Robert Mann, 1947 All-American candidate, and he will be a tremendous figure when the Wolverines tangle with USC. in the Rose Bowl.

Future Rosy

Courier

Michigan's Derricotte Versatile

Pittsburgh, Pa

Sat 12-20-47

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By WILL ROBINSON

ANN ARBOR, Mich.—Gene Derricotte, the utility back with an All-American rating, is a cinch to stand out among Michigan's talent-laden crew of ball carriers when the Wolverines meet University of Southern California in the Rose Bowl game on New Year's Day in Pasadena, Calif. Derricotte has the distinction of being the first and only tan gridder to gain a backfield position in the football annals of the maize and blue. Sat 12-20-47

As the defensive left halfback on Michigan's unbeaten and untied eleven, Gene is well qualified for his utility role of top-notch all-around performer. The 20-year-old star from Defiance, Ohio, has proven that he can run, pass, kick, tackle and block with the best in the big-time circuit.

LAUDED BY CRISLER

Fitz Crisler, Michigan mentor, considers hi mthe best player he has even seen in the safety position in collegiate football. That's saying a lot, for Crisler has been around a long time and has seen most of the topnotchers in action.

In looking back over the past season's play, one incident in Gene's exploits as Michigan's safety man emphasized Coach Crisler's basis for this decision. In the Wisconsin game, Derricotte, more than any other Wolverine, broke the Badger's back with a 77-yard return of a punt with quick, sure strides, plus an uncanny change of pace, for Michigan's second score that changed the game from a contest into a rout. This winning touchdown was even more creditable when it later was disclosed that Gene had played in the game with a fractured toe. He also intercepted two passes in the end zone to stop wo possible Wisconsin scores.

FINE PUNT RETURNER

Derricotte finished the season as the most dangerous man with a punt in the Big Nine, averaging 25.1 yards every time he took one. Since his play was limited to taking over Bob Chappuis' berth when Michigan was on the defense, he seldom got a chance to carry the ball on the offense, but against Minnesota this "B" average pharmacy student, whose dad runs a shoe repair business in his hometown, was provided one opportunity to carry the ball from scrimmage and scored a touchdown on a 21-yard run to put the game on ice. Courier

The shy and reticent Derricotte, endowed with a universally recognized quality of silent patience, is a utility back of All-America proportions. In the Illinois game, he threw the first block that enable Bump Elliott to go 74 yards for a touchdown. Aside from this salient fact, he is considered the surest open field tackler on the squad. Pittsburgh, Pa.

He rang up 30 points on five touchdowns as Michigan amassed 345 markers this season, for the Wolverine's best record in fifteen years. This is Derricotte's third year as a regular, having starred as a 17-year-old freshman tailback before entering the Air Force in 1945. He was handicapped by injuries last year but averaged 3.97 yards per try for rushing, to go with his 5.6 yards per play the first season.

Gene restricts his social life in order to study, and says, "When I get out of school with a degree, there'll be time enough to think of having a good time." He has a younger brother, Roy, who plays football at Defiance College.

When the fragrance of roses has faded, and thoughts turn to Michigan's success in 1948, Gene will be slated to take over the offensive left half spot and will operate as a triple-threat back. He already is a good kicker and better-than-average passer. Barring accident, Gene will be a headliner for All-America honors on Coach Crisler's defending Western Conference champions.

Like An Octopus

Ford Fast

Courier

At End for Michigan

Pittsburgh, Pa.

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By WILL ROBINSON

When the final story of Michigan's mighty football team of 1947 is written in the record annals, the name of Lenny Ford will be mentioned foremost in the defensive pattern which enabled the Wolverines to hold nine opponents to a total of 53 points while scoring 345 to lead the Nation's collegiate grid machines.

Ford and his cohorts who operated on the defense of Coach Fritz Crisler's synchronized twenty-two man two-unit juggernaut hit their peak against Wisconsin. The Badgers were riding high after counting 110 points in their previous four tilts, and the burden of proof of Michigan's gridiron might rest with the defense in the play-off battle for Rose Bowl honors and the Western Conference championship. So there was every inlication that the Wisconsin offense would give the Michigan defense an unhappy time.

FORD KEY MAN

The key man in the defense that Michigan threw against the fleet-footed Badger backs was Ford, 210-pounder, who played his end position like an octopus. When the Wolverines scored their third touchdown and took a 20-0 lead, the statistics showed that the Wisconsin attack had netted exactly 20 yards. With the 6 foot 5 inch giant from Washington, D. C. playing end like an All-American tackle, Michigan had matched every Wisconsin yard with a point.

That game was typical of every contest last fall in which "M's" defense matched its brilliant offense with Ford playing a tremendous part on defense despite three blockers usaully assigned to take him out of the play.

For instance, in the Illinois game, the play that won the game occurred in the last quarter. Michigan, leading by a single touchdown, fumbled, and the Illini re-

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GENE DERRICOTTE
. . . 'most versatile back

RECORDS SMASHED IN 49-TO-0 VICTORY

The Times

Michigan, in Bid for National Honors, Gains 491 Yards and Sets Modern Scoring Mark

New York, N.Y.

BRIESKE KICKS 7 POINTS

Fri. 1-2-48

Southern California Defense Futile Against Chappuis and Weisenburger

STATISTICS OF THE GAME

The Times

	Mich.	U.S.C.
First downs	21	10
Yards gained, rushing	219	91
Forward passes	27	11
Forwards completed	17	6
Yards gained, forwards	272	42
Forwards intercepted by	1	1
Number of punts	4	8
*Av. dist. of punts, yds.	38.25	43.75
Run-back of punts, yds.	53	4
Fumbles	2	2
Own fumbles recovered.	1	2
Penalties	4	1
Yards lost, penalties	40	10

*From line of scrimmage. 1-2-48

By GLADWIN HILL

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

PASADENA, Calif., Jan. 1—The University of Michigan's dazzling football machine capped an all-victorious season today by slashing almost at will up and down the Rose Bowl greensward to defeat the University of Southern California, 49 to 0.

Ninety-three thousand spectators headed by Gen. Omar Bradley, grand marshal of the Tournament of Roses, saw Fritz Crisler's gridiron supermen run up a score unparalleled since Fielding Yost's point - a - minute Michigan team massacred Stanford by the same margin in the first Rose game in 1902. The Times

With this triumph—setting a modern Rose Bowl scoring record—the Wolverines challenged Notre Dame's claim to mythical national gridiron supremacy. 1-2-48

With its twin offensive and defensive machines working so much like well-oiled parts that their intermittent replacements of each other on the field even were almost imperceptible, Michigan struck for a touchdown before the first period was ten minutes old.

While Southern California struggled vainly to get possession of the ball for a decisive hitch, the Crislermen crossed the Trojan goal line twice in the second chukker. They coasted along on a single tally in the third, but closed with a crescendo of three scores in the fourth period. New York, N.Y.

Record for Conversions

Each touchdown was neatly converted by the adroit toe of Jim Brieske, with Gene Derricotte holding. Their last two successful efforts set a new Rose Bowl extra point record.

Other records also were shattered. It was U. S. C.'s worst defeat in sixty gridiron years. Michigan's total yardage—491—topped the mark of nearly twenty years standing set by the Trojans against Pittsburgh in 1930—427.

This was the twenty-fifth actual bowl game and the thirty-fourth staged in connection with the annual Tournament of Roses. The weather was bright and balmy, with just enough briskness.

The Trojans fought valiantly, with nary a hint of despair or dispirit, but were manifestly outclassed. The Wolverines' passes, chiefly from the talented fingers of Bob Chappuis, darted like precise bolts of lightning, and their plunges along the ground were like piledrivers. Coach Jeff Cravath's previously spectacular outfit, by contrast, seemed to move in slow motion. Fri.

California never could generate the power to get a thoroughgoing touchdown drive tarted. Efforts to fight her way out aerially were unavailing, too. 1-2-48

Scoring in a Nutshell

Three Wolverine jackpots were rung up by Fullback Jack Weisenburger and two resulted from passes by All-America Halfback Chappuis to Halfback Chalmers (Bump) Elliott and Quarterback Howard Yerges, respectively. One touchdown was on a pass from Halfback Hank Fonde to Derricotte, who replaced Chappuis in the final quarter, and the finale on a pass from Yerges to Dick Rifenburg. Fri. 1-2-48

Tactics starred, rather than strategy. Crisler used his regular single wing variations throughout the game, while Cravath's men stuck to the old and previously reliabe T. The Times

Michigan won the toss, received and yielded possession of the ball momentarily before embarking on a 63-yard, eleven-play drive. Sparked by Chappuis' flings, the Wolverines made the first score on a 1-yard plunge by Weisenburger. New York, N.Y.

Going into the second stanza, Chappuis sent a 15-yard heave to Bob Mann, fleet left end, for a first down on Troy's 26. One play later Dead-Eye Bob spiraled one 22 yards to Yerges on the 4, from where he battled his way to the 1. Weisenburger barreled over left guard for the Western Conference champions' second tally.

Interception Ends Drive

Goaded into redoubled efforts, the Trojans drove from their 12 clear to Michigan's 10 on more than two dozen bitterly fought plays, only to lose the ball when Quarterback George Murphy's pass was intercepted by Dick Kempthorn, Michigan defensive fullback.

Then the Wolverines went eighty-three yards in eight plays. Elliott made the third touchdown on an eleven-yard Chappius pass.

Early in the third quarter Weisenburger and Chappius spearheaded another apparent touchdown drive that was thwarted by a fumble by Yerges on the 9, which was recovered by Walt McCormick, Trojan center. However, U.S.C. again floundered, and Dean Dill, Trojan quarter, punted at midfield to Derricotte, who returned 12 yards.

Failing to gain a first down, Weisenburger punted into the end zone, and Troy started its third scoring try of the third quarter. On the second play fading back to pass Dill was smothered by the Michigan forward wall and fumbled. Fri. 1-2-48

Don Dworsky, Michigan center, recovered on the 18. One play later Chappuis tossed to Yerges on the 13, and he went all the way.

In the final frame Michigan, in possession of the ball thrice, capitalized each time. Going fifty-four yards in five plays, the Weisenburger - Chappuis combination scored with the fullback bucking the final yard. A Trojan fumble on the U.S.C. 45 was recovered by Joe Sobeleski, Michigan guard, and diminutive Hank Fonde passed to Derricotte, who raced 21 yards for No. 6. The Times

The final score resulted from two passes. Derricotte threw to Ford on the 40, and he drove to the 28. Then Yerges rifled one to Rifenburg, who made a sensational snare on the 7 and tallied.

The line-up: New York, N.Y.

MICHIGAN (49)		U. S. C. (0)
Mann	L. E.	Tolman
Hilkene	L. T.	Ferraro
Tomasi	L. G.	Clark
White	C	McCormick
Wilkins	R. G.	McCall
Pritula	R. T.	Bird
Rifenburg	R. E.	Cleary
Yerges	Q. B.	Murphy
Chappuis	L. H.	McCardle
C. Elliott	R. H.	Doll
Weisenburger	F. B.	Lillywhite

SCORE BY PERIODS

Michigan	7	14	7	21	49
U. S. C.	0	0	0	0	0

Touchdowns—Weisenburger 3, C. Elliott, Yerges, Derricotte, Rifenburg. Points after touchdowns—Brieske (for Pritula) 7 (placements).

SUBSTITUTES

Michigan—Ends: Ford, McNeill, Hershberger, Wisniewski, Holloway. Tackles: Johnson, Kohl, Wistert, Andersen, Dendrinos. Guards: Soboleski, Sickels, Kanpe, Heneveld. Centers: Dworsky, Brieske. Backs: P. Elliott, Teninga, Derricotte, Kempthorn, Peterson, Fonde, Kiesel, Kuick.

U. S. C.—Ends: Linehan, Sillwell, Cramer, Lloyd, Salata, Willomson, Fletcher. Tackles: Schutte, Perrin, Swope. Guards: Bastian, Rea, Colley. Centers: Davis, Buch. Backs: Betz, Oestreich, Curry, Gray, Garlin, Kirby, Powers, Tannehill, Dill, Roundy, Rossetto, Cantor, Craig, Futrell, Robertson. Fri.

Referee—Russell H. Rupp (Lebanon Valley). Umpire—William Corbus (Stanford). Head linesman—John R. McPhee (Oberlin). Field judge—Orian M. Landreth. 1-2-48

THE COLLAPSE OF THE MICHIGAN FOOTBALL TEAM

Daily Worker New York, N.Y. Wed 1-7-48

By THE WEASEL

(Author of "Inside the Outside")

It's a lie. Daily Worker New York, N.Y.

The Michigan football team, which just finished an unbeaten, untied season, is in a state of acute collapse. Wed. 1-7-48

I propose to prove in this article that the team has fallen completely apart as the result of the dismal 49-0 victory over USC in the Rose Bowl. A check at Ann Arbor. SHOWS THAT THE PLAYERS HAVE ALL TURNED IN THEIR UNIFORMS!

I propose further to prove that this team began to totter when Bob Chappuis enrolled to play in the backfield, and the arrival of Weisenburger, Bump Elliott and Gene Derricotte struck it a staggering blow.

Furthermore, it was nakedly evident in the Rose Bowl game that Michigan, which scored a touchdown practically every time it got the ball, was merely hiding its weakness in kicking by such tactics! How plainly these methods brought home the total disintegration of this lousy team to the country. Daily Worker

It becomes startling clear that not Michigan, but THE OGDENSBURGH TEACHERS, who had to kick every time they got the ball, are the real champions of 1947. New York, N.Y.

Furthermore: Wed. 1-7-48

In 1906 Michigan played its only other Rose Bowl game and won by the score of 49-0. Did they move forward this year? Did they win by 50-0? They did not. They again won 49-0. Standing still is moving backward. They have obviously collapsed. I have finished.

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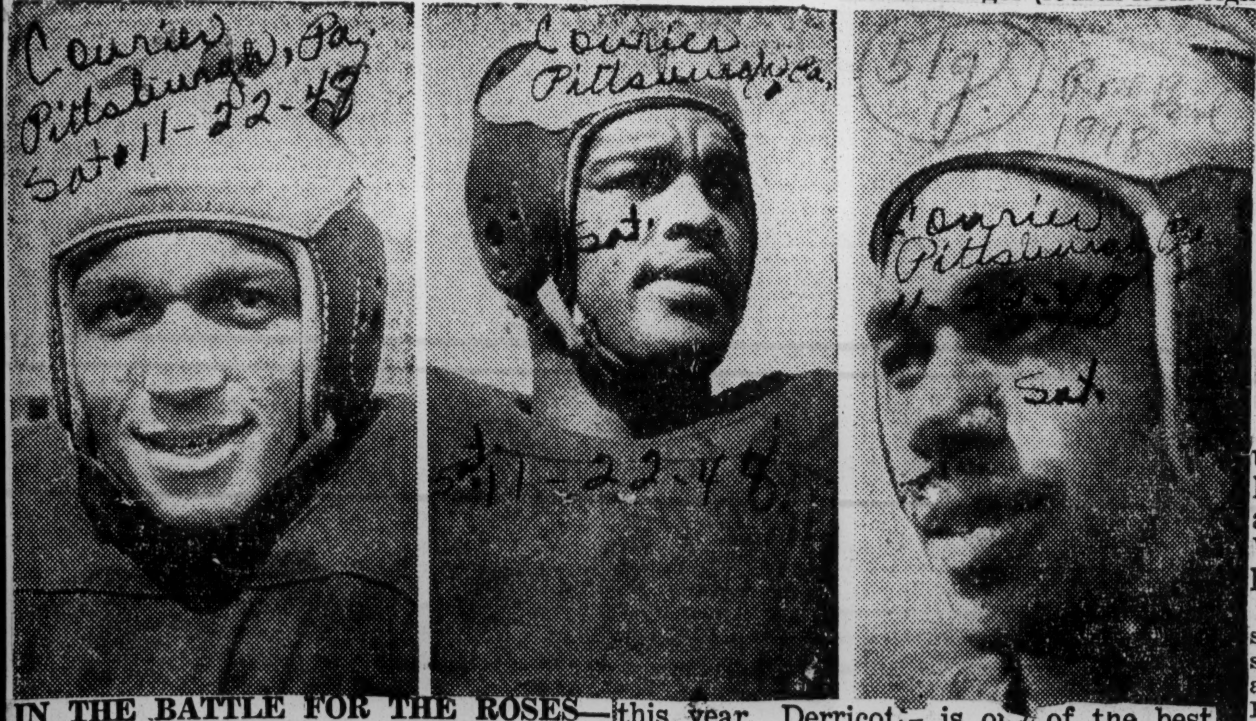
(NEWS ITEM: Apprised of The Weasel's sensational, exclusive article on the collapse of the Michigan football team, the eight other members of the Big Nine Conference and USC wired him "Congratulations on your brilliant job. We never could have licked him without you!")

Homeward bound from their victory at the Rose Bowl, members of the Michigan football team stopped off in Chicago yesterday. In the group are Coach Fritz Crisler (open topcoat), Jack Weisenburger (fourth from right) and Dave Mann (second from right). FM Associated Press Wirephoto



IN THE BATTLE FOR THE ROSES—Left to right: Gene Derricotte, Lenny Ford and Bob Mann, three good reasons why Michigan is going to the Rose Bowl this year. Derricotte is one of the best halfbacks in the Big Nine, while Ford and Mann are ranking ends.

Mann, Derricotte, Ford in Colorful Battle of Roses

Courier, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Sat. 11-29-47

By HERMAN HILL

PASADENA, Calif.—Favored Michigan's unbeaten and untied Big 9 champion Wolverines, with mighty Bob Mann, lanky Len Ford and speedy Gene Derricotte on their roster, are primed for battle with Southern California's Trojans, West Coast kings, in the thirty-fifth Tournament of Roses here New Year's Day.

The Nation's blue ribbon, post-season grid classic will mark the second appearance of the Maize and Blue of Michigan in the Rose Bowl in forty-six years, and the fourth in the last five years, and the tenth in all showing of the Maroon and Gold of the Trojans.

A sell-out crowd of 93,00 will witness the game, which has been assured of perfect weather conditions by the official forecaster.

Michigan began the original Rose Bowl series way back in 1902 when it journey West to humilatae the Stanford Indians by a one-sided score of 49-0.

This year, the Michigan aggregation has been termed by Coach Wes Fesler of Ohio State, as being "the most devasting offensive team I have ever seen in football."

MANN IS STANDOUT

Five standout players in All-American halfback Bobby Chappuis, Chalmer's Bumps Elliott, Bobby's running mate; Howard Yerges, brainy quarterback; Bob Mann, end, mentioned for several All-American teams, and Bill Pretula, powerful tackle, have sparked the Wolverines to one of its most succesful seasons in history.

FORD HIGHLY RATED

The team has a complete and separate defensive unit which yielded less than a handful of touchdowns in its last five games. In this unit, towering Len Ford, six-feet five inch, 210-pound end, is hailed as one of the best wingmen in the land.

Bob Mann and Ford have been named to the All-Western Conference team.

Another member of the defensive unit is trim, hard-running Gene Derricotte, called the best safety man in college football today.

Headed by Coach Fritz Crisler, the Michigan juggernaut, composed by forty-four players, coaches and faculty representatives, arrived in San Fernando via Santa **Fe Super Chief before breakfast-time Saturday** morning and preceded to Pasadena where the group detrained amidst traditional California sunshine and flowers, and went directly to Brookside Park for photographs and interviews. They have held daily workouts at Brookside since.

The team appears confident but not cocky.

Beautiful Huntington Hotel is Michigan's headquarters.

Once beaten and once tied, Southern California has hied itself up to Santa Barbara for practice sessions.

CLEARY HEADS TROJANS

All-American end Paul Cleary heads the Trojan herd, with huge, 240-pound John Ferraro, 1942 All-American tackle; Don Clark, guard, and a flock of swift backs following close behind.

Jeff Cravath tutors the Trojan warhorse.

Despite the fact they dropped a 38-7 verdict to Notre Dame and only beat Stanford 14-0, while Michigan pulverized the same team 40-13, dyed in wool Trojan suporters, and they are legion in the Southland, still feel the locals will give Michigan a terriffic battle.

With game interest at fever heat, the scramble for tickets is doubtless the greatest of any sports event in the universe.

Scalpers think nothing of asking, and getting, anywhere from $25 to $75 per ducat.

Mother of Michigan University's All-American End to Attend Annual Tournament of Roses Game

Courier, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sat. 12-27-48

By A. M. RIVERA Jr.

NEW BERN, N. C.—Perhaps the most excited woman in the country was Mrs. Clara Mann, mother of Bob Mann, Michigan University's All-American end, as she left this quaint little Eastern Carolina town last week to attend the Tournament of Roses, which is staged annual in Pasadena on New Year's Day.

It was just an hour before train time as we talked with Mrs. Mann. Catching us eyeing a little silver football on a chain about her neck with which she toyed as we talked, she explained that it was a trophy awarded Bob by the Mayor of New York at a banquet held in the Waldorf Astoria Hotel recently for outstanding players. "It just came in the morning mail," she said.

NO ROMANCE

12-27-47

We were anxious to know something about Bob's love life and jumped at the opportunity to use his trophies as a ruse to get in our question of Robert's romance. "I don't think Bob has a regular girl friend, if he has, he hasn't told me about her. He always sends me his athletic awards (football, track and boxing) and I keep them for him," she said smiling. "I plan to wear this little football to the coast as a sort of good luck piece."

So much has been written about Bob Mann, the great end on Michigan's powerful football team, that it would not be interesting to retell this story, we said to Mrs. Mann, but we would like to know something about Bob, the little boy.

"I can' remember when Bob first became interested in athletics. He has been competing in some form of sport ever since he first went to school, but I think his early lessons in teamwork were gotten right here in the family," she said.

OTHER CHILDREN

Bob has a brother, William Jr., who is on the building and planning staff of the Veteran's Hospital at Tuskegee Institute, and a sister, Mrs. Marjorie Mann Stuart, wife of James L. Stuart, professor of business at Southern University. His father, the late Dr. William Mann, died about two years ago.

"We lived as a team. Dr. Mann and I used to discipline our children with the fact that in life we have to play a little private game A game we must play well and fair, keeping in mind always that in all we undertake to do we represent God first, our race second, our family third, and ourselves fourth."

"Bob's brother, Bill, was a good football player, too," she said proudly, "but while attending Hampton Institute he broke his leg in a game. It was a very serious injury and he had to discontinue playing."

DAUGHTER TAUGHT DANCING

Before we could interject another query about the subject of our interview, Mrs. Mann said, "I'll see my daughter in Louisiana. Before she got married she taught creative dancing at Hampton. After receiving her Master's degree from New York University, she studied the dance under Charles Weidermann

covered on the Wolverines' 22. With the gallant Russ Steger leading the charge, the Illini pounded to Michigan's 13-yard line.

It was fourth down and a yard to go for a first down. If the rugged Steger could get this first down, the Illini surely would score in the next series of downs. But, with Lenny leading the way, Michigan's line met the charge head on, and when they unpiled, Steger was inches from the first. That was too close for comfort, but it was the play that won the ball game.

Michigan usually lined in a four-man-line, generally using a 4-4-2-1 defense formation and shifting into a five, six, or seven-man line, thus enabling Ford to addle the opposing quarterback so that he would not know exactly where Ford would be when the play got under way.

PRAISED BY CRISLER

Crisler has expressed satisfaction with his defense and was very high in his praise of Ford's prowess. However, the lean, finely conditioned gridder did not confine all of his activities to stopping the opposition.

His play on the offense was limited with Bob Mann taking over the terminal position when Michigan had the ball, but that did not keep him from catching three passes, good for 111 yards gained, and carrying the ball on end-around plays six times for an average of three yards per try.

Ford, an All-CIAA football and

ll player at Morgan Col-
e enrolling at Ann Arbor
key block on a number of
s chalked up by his team
, like Gene Derricotte's 77-
rd punt return against Wisconsin that broke the Badgers' back.

A completely relaxed happy-go-lucky athlete, regardless of the situation, he is credited with many wise cracks among the squad members. A typical expression came from him at the New York banquet of football headliners for 1947 when he was introduced to John Ferraro, Southern California tackle. Someone asked about Ferraro's size, and Lennie said. "I almost had to look up at him . . . and . . . Oh, my . . . he's So Wide."

Lennie prepped at Armstrong High School in the Nation's capital and was a standout in football, basketball and baseball. The 21-year-old giant has a younger brother, Claude, and a sister, Anita, who is teaching in the English department at Howard University. His father is a foreman in a Government printing office, and his mother is a dietician in the dual school system in Washington.

A physical education major, Ford has another year of eligibility but will forsake it to take a whirl at the professional ranks. He hopes eventually to go into the mortuary science business.

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Rose Bowl

Michigan's Mighty Gridiron Machine Crushes USC. 49-0

The Advertiser

Montgomery, Ala.

By BOB MYERS 1-2-48

PASADENA, CALIF., Jan. 1.—(AP) — Michigan's modern magicians of the gridiron, turning back the calendar to 1902 when a "point-a-minute" Ann Arbor team launched the first Tournament of Roses football spectacle, shattered a game but completely outclassed University of Southern California team today, 49 to 0. It was the same score registered in that first historic engagement.

Pulling touchdown rabbits out of the air and off the ground with the ease and brilliance of true artists in a record breaking performance that left a capacity crowd of 93,000 awe-struck, the Merlins of Michigan not only continued the Big Nine mastery over the Pacific Coast Conference in this 34th edition of the Rose Bowl series, but—

Broke the modern Rose Bowl record for scoring;

Handed the once-vaunted Trojans the worst defeat in 60 years of football at the school;

Eclipsed the 38-7 trouncing Notre Dame's great Irish inflicted on USC last Dec. 6, thus lodging a bid for the mythical collegiate football championship of the nation. The Advertiser

Striking with coolness and the confidence of champions, the maize and blue from Ann Arbor scored once in the first five minutes of the game, twice in the second, and once in the third.

Then with old-time Rose Bowl observers hoping, then calling for more, the Wolverines went on to burst across the Trojan goal line three times in the final quarter to tie the 49-0 record score hung up by the late Fielding H. Yost's great 11 over Stanford in the first New Year's classic of the Tournament of Roses. Fri.

The Troys fought all the way, but the Michigans' defensive forces, matching the strength and precision of the offensive 11, bottled up USC throughout the game except for one drive. 1-2-48

The Trojans generated a 75-yard ground march in the second quarter that swept to the Michigan 13, then a pass was intercepted and USC's only trip of the entire game across the 50-yard stripe ended in disappointment.

Coach Fritz Crisler fielded a smooth running outfit, and powered it with four of the greatest backs who ever appeared in this game as a team combination—Bob Chappuis, Jack Weisenburger, Howard Yerges and Chalmers Elliott.

With them was a deadly array of blockers, and backing this attacking force was a defensive unit that struck gloom and eventual doom to Trojan dreams.

Michigan broke the yards gained record in this display of sleight-of-hand and deception — 491 yards gained by land and air, as compared to the previous record of 427 set by USC over Pitt in 1930, when the previous high scoring mark of modern times was set, USC's 35-0 over Pitt.

Fullback Weisenburger hit the score board for three touchdowns and Chappuis pitched two scoring strikes—one to Elliott, another to Yerges. The Advertiser

Little Gene Derricotte scored on the longest play of the day, a brilliant reception of a pass from Hank Fonde good for 45 yards, and End Dick Rifenburg scored on a pass from Yerges for 29 yards. Montgomery, Ala.

John Brieske, the place-kicking specialist, had the biggest perfect day in Rose Bowl annals—converting on all of the seven touchdowns. Fri.

A tremendous cheer went up when he booted the last one.

In the days of the 1902 Michigans, touchdowns counted only five points. 1-2-48

Michigan's scoring, boiled down, like this:

1. Weisenburger, one yard, ending a 63-yard drive in 11 plays.
2. Weisenburger, one yard, climaxing a 59-yard drive in eight plays.
3. Elliott, 11 yards, on a jump pass from Chappuis, winding up 83 yards accomplished in eight plays.
4. Yerges, on an 18-yard pass from Chappuis which followed Michigan's recovery of a USC fumble on the 18-yard line.
5. Weisenburger, one yard, 64 yards in six plays, sparked by Chappuis' 38-yard run, longest ground play of the game.
6. Derricotte, on a pass from Fonde, good for 45 yards, caught on the 25-yard sideline stripe.
7. Rifenburg, on a pass from Yerges, good for 29 yards.

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Scoring: Michigan, touchdowns, Weisenburger 3: Elliott, Yerges, Derricotte, Rifenburg. Points after touchdowns, Brieske (Pritula) 7 (place kicks).

THE ROSE BOWL VICTORS EN ROUTE TO MICHIGAN

47f Rose Bowl
The Times [illegible]

Members of the team with Coach Fritz Crisler (open coat), on their arrival in Chicago from Pasadena yesterday. Mon. 1-5-48

El Paso Nixes Lafayette on Race Issue—Report

The Afro American

Sat. 12-11-1948

Pennsylyania Colle Says Sun Bowl Officials Placed Ban on Halfback

Baltimore

The Afro

EASTON, Pa. — Lafayette College officials announced last week that they had declined an invitation to play in the Sun Bowl football game at El Paso, Tex., because promoters of the affair objected to the use of Dave Showell, the Indians' stellar halfback.

Dr. Ralph C. Hutchinson, president of the college, and William H. Anderson, athletic director, stated that the Sun Bowl bid had been declined because Showell would not have been permitted to play against Texas College of Mines. Sat. 12-11-1948

C. D. Belding, chairman of the Sun Bowl selection committee, denied that a ban had been placed on Shewell and asserted that Lafayette authorities were using that as an excuse for their action in refusing the invitation. He said: "It was an attempt on the part of the school officials to save face after the student body had protested the rejection."

Accuses Prexy

Sat 12-11-1948

Belding accused Dr. Hutchinson of "seeking a way out" when a large student assembly of 1500 marched to the president's house for "an explanation." Belding, moreover, denied that there had been any discussion of the possibility of Showell playing in the game.

Both Hutchinson and Anderson told the AFRO Monday morning that "the race issue was definitely discussed by all parties involved."

The president declared: "Regardless of any statements emanating from El Paso, from the Sun Bowl promoters, or from the Texas College of Mines, it is true that we were informed that Showell could not play in the proposed game. We were told this repeatedly during discussions previous to our withdrawal from negotiations." Sat. 12-11-1948

Accepted Originally

Lafayette originally sent a telegram of acceptance, but it carried the proviso that Showell be permitted to play. When this was refused, the faculty committee flatly turned down the bid.

Hutchinson said the Texans attributed the situation to a State law or a State requirement emanating from the University of Texas, of which the College of Mines is a part, although interracial competition has been practiced in some Texas communities.

Air Force Vet

The student delegation, after being advised by Dr. Hutchinson, wired a protest to President Truman, which read: "Denied Sun Bowl bid because of colored player on team. Is this democracy?"

Showell is 23 years of age and hails from Prospect Park, Pa. He is an Air Force veteran with more than 500 hours' flying time. He urged the team to acept the bid and leave him home, but his pleas were ignored.

Lafayette Refuses Sun Bowl Bid Because of Texas Ban on Negro

New York Times

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1,500 Students End Demonstration Against Rejection When Reason Is Explained—Oregon Interested in Major Game

Wed-11-24-48

EASTON, Pa., Nov. 23 (AP)—Lafayette College announced today it had rejjected an invitation for its football team to play in the Sun Bowl at El Paso, Tex., on New Year's Day.

The action was taken by the faculty committee on athletics. Members of the football squad previously had expressed a desire to accept the bid. Lafayette won seven games and lost only to Army and Rutgers.

William H. Anderson, director of athletics, said Lafayette originally had accepted the bid with the provision that Dave Showell, Negro halfback from prospect Park, Pa., be permitted to play. In a subsequent telephone conversation with C. L. Beldinger, chairman of the bowl committee, Anderson then was told the laws of the state of Texas forbade a negro to play in the stadium in which the game is scheduled.

Wed 11-24-48

Some 1,500 students demonstrated in front of the home of president Dr. Ralph C. Hutchison tonight, but dispersed after being told why their football team wouldn't play in the Sun Bowl.

Team Members Not Consulted On Race Issue

Pittsburgh Courier

Sat 12-4-48

Pittsburgh, Pa.

EL PASO—Co-captains of Texas Mines football squad, surprised that Lafayette had rejected an invitation to play them in the Sun Bowl, said they were not consulted on whether a Negro player should be allowed to play against them on New Year's Day.

Fred Wendt, one of the Nation's leading ground gainers, said, "they're players just like anyone else. I have no objections to playing against a Negro."

Tackle Raymond Evans said he didn't believe that La Fayette should be restrained from playing because of their Negro player. "Let him come. We played against a Negro two years ago in Tempe, Ariz., and I didn't notice any difference.

Tackle Jake Rhodes, who fought with the infantry in the ETO said tersely, "I'll play him." He continued that he fought side by side with Negroes on the front lines and couldn't understand why he shouldn't play against them on the football field. Sat 12-4-48

Two other Mines' players, quarterback Jim Bowden and center Andy Everest also said they had no objections to playing against a Negro. The five players including three co-captains said they felt they could speak for the team and had no objections to playing against a Negro in the Sun Bowl.

Lafayette College faculty said at Easton, Pa., tonight that their school would not accept a bid to play here because a star Negro halfback would be barred from the field. The announcement touched off a demonstration at Easton which was climaxed by students sending a wire to President Truman.

It read:

"Denied Sun Bowl bid because Negro on team. Is that democracy?" Sat 12-4-48

Signed: Lafayette College Students.

Sun Bowl officials who refused to be quoted but admitted that they asked Lafayette not to bring the Negro here had no further comment. They said they would meet the following day and discuss other teams to extend an invitation.

Rumbles were created in this border town and some students said they would request Sun Bowl game's selection committee to reconsider its prohibition against the Negro player. They pointed out that Penn State used a Negro in the Cotton Bowl at Dallas last Jan. 1. C. D. Belding, chairman of the game committee, has denied that he told Lafayette athletic director he would not consider the team if the Negro were brought here. He also said he has sent feelers to other schools, indicating he has discarded Lafayette.

Elks To Stage Real 'Open" Golf Tourney At Minneapolis, July 4

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Atlanta Daily World

By WILLIAM O'SHIELDS

ST. PAUL—(ANP)—Even though we will argue anyone up and down who dares to accuse us of being prejudiced, the fact still remains we are prejudiced. Not only against things but people as well. We often ask favors, and fuss about discriminatory practices which we, ourselves, are grossly guilty of. However, in spite of the above fact, there are many who do not fit into this prejudice-category.

The Ames Elk Lodge 106, of Minneapolis, had made a definite effort to be fair in their coming $2,000 golf tournament, which will be held at the Superior Country Club of Wayzata boulevard, July 4-7.

The tournament committee, whose chairman is the famous golfing Solomon Hughes, has sent out invitations to all the golf clubs, irrespective of color, throughout the Twin Cities and other parts of the state inviting, and in many cases urging them to send in entries.

I suppose many will say, "that's nothing to crow about up there in Minnesota." Oh, but it is. Heretofore, all the golf tournaments the Twin City Negro groups rave sponsored have been closed to all except Negroes. This situation hasn't only been true in Minnesota, for I think I can safely say, the same habit has prevailed throughout the whole United States. Whereas all the "open" golf tournaments sponsored by the other groups here have been just what the name designates, namely, open to all. And, we have had a number of our group play in the different tournaments. Sol Hughes played in the Twin City open last year, and we have dozens of Negroes playing in the different golf leagues in both cities.

PRIZES GALORE

Besides the $2,000 in step-down prizes ($650 first prize money) for the professionals, there will be plenty of amateur-flight prizes offered for the best Simon-Pures who can prove themselves better than other competing amateurs.

I have been told that invitations have been extended to Ted Rhodes, Joe Louis, Howard Wheeler, John Dendy, Tup Holmes, Eual Clark, Dr. Remus Robinson, Ike Williams and Sugar Ray Robinson. What makes it interesting, I understand the committee has received acceptance from these parshooters. That means the one who wins a first place in either the professional or amateuer class can say he has had a real test. In other words he can call himself a big fish in a big pond instead of being a big fish in a little pond.

In conclusion, I would like to congratulate the committee in the Minneapolis Ames Elk Lodge 106 forward, and at the same time encourage more such golf tournaments sponsored by Negroes open to all comers irrespective of color. It would be nice if New York Chicago, Detroit, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, and Cleveland would follow suit.

We have marveled at the stand Mr. Mays took when he inaugurated his famous Tam O'Shanter All-American tournament, yet few, if any, of us have reciprocated in our tournaments. Often times we have to open our own iron door before we can persuade the other fellow to swing his doors open in our direction.

Louis Heads For Bigtime Golf Whirls

Star

New York, N.Y.

Sun. 7-4-48

Joe Louis, the old profile-wrecker, now wants to become a par-wrecker—in a serious way.

The retired heavyweight champion of the world, in a last-minute change of plans, called off a vacation trip to French Lick, Ind., and headed for Cleveland yesterday to begin a fling at competitive golf.

"I want to play a lot of golf in the next few months," the Brown Bomber said. "I intend to get in all the tournaments I can and some day I hope to try some of the big national meets."

Louis will tee off in the Forest City Golf Association tournament at Cleveland today.

Then he plans to go to Toledo for a tournament getting under way there July 9. He said he would return to New York July 26 for the annual Ray Robinson meet.

Shot 77 This Week

Star

The Bomber's sudden change in plans was provoked by a creditable 77 he fired this week over a Long Island course.

New York, N.Y.

He said he felt he was getting back in the groove after being forbidden to swing a club during the months he trained for his second bout with Jersey Joe Walcott.

Louis' fondness for golf has been known for some time. His aspirations to become a tournament shotmaker came as a surprise to everybody except his close associates.

"The champ's a fine golfer," one friend said. "He shoots in the low 70's when he's in practice and he's had a 69 at one time.

Sun. 7-4-48

"He figures he can hold his own in tournament play."

Louis is said to be a bomber off the tees just as he was in the ring. He is also deadly around the greens.

He is so enamored of the game that he has had a special professional tutor him. It's not at all unusual, friends say, to see him walking around with a putter in one hand and the latest instruction book in the other.

Wheeler Paces Tourney For Negro Golf Stars

The Columbia Record

Thurs. 8-26-48

Columbia S.C.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 26—(AP)—Howard Wheeler of Philadelphia was still four strokes in front today at the halfway point of the [illegible] division of the United Golf Association's national Negro tournament.

The defending champion needed 74 strokes yesterday after opening with 67, but his closest pursuer, Ted Rhodes of Los Angeles, also took 74. Wheeler had 141 and Rhodes 145.

The best score of the second round was 71 by Bill Spiller of Los Angeles. He was tied for third at 146 with Zeke Hartsfield and Clyde Martin of Baltimore.

Joe Louis Medalist In Negro Golf Meet

Columbia Record

Tues. 8-24-48

Columbia S.C.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 24—(AP)—First round matches began today in the United Golf association national Negro tournament with heavyweight champion Joe Louis holding medal honors.

Louis won the "sudden death" playoff for medal yesterday with a par 3 on the third extra hole. He tied Gordon Goodson of Harrisburg, Pa., in the regulation 18 holes with 74 on the par 72 Coffin municipal course.

Rhodes Loses; Driving Thrills

The Courier

Sat. 6-19-48

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By HERMAN HILL

Pittsburgh, Pa.

LOS ANGELES—Making lasting sports history as the first person of his race ever to compete in the United States Open Golf Tournament, Ted Rhodes of Nashville, Tenn., pro-campaigning out of Los Angeles, scored 70-76-77-79, for 301, to place forty-fourth in the forty-eighth annual event here at majestic Riviera Country Club, June 10, 11, 12.

Bantam Ben Hogan (Hershey, Pa.) linksman set a sizzling pace to annex the title with 67-72-68-69 for a 276. Jimmy Demaret, Houston, Tex., with a 278, and Jim Turnesa, Elmsford, N. Y., 280, were the runnersup. Hogan smashed the 72-hole record for the tourney, a 281 set by Ralph Guldahl of Chicago in 1937 by five strokes.

His winning 276 was eight strokes under par for the hazardous Riviera course adjudged by the National Golf Foundation in 1939 to be the third finest golf course in the world.

The entry of the colorfully clad, 35-year-old Rhodes, heavyweight champion Joe Louis' pro, in the "world series" of golf, saw the crumbling of one of the few remaining citadels of race bias in the world of professional sports.

While failing to finish in the $10,000 prize money, Rhodes acquitted himself well, demonstrated flashes of sheer brilliance and gave definite promise of future championship calibre.

Sat. 6-19-48

His pre-tournament, 67 practice round Monday ranked with Slammin' Sammy Snead's and his opening day's 70 placed him in third position and set the galleries buzzing. This round was particularly noteworthy as he had four bogeys.

Rhodes was paired with Raymond Stefanik, Vine Hill Country Club, Rayland, Ohio, and Steve A. Doctor, Audubon Golf Club, Buffalo, N. Y., the first two days.

The latter pair failed to qualify among the top fifty players for the final day's gruelling 36 holes of play and Rhodes was grouped with Andrew Mills, Kansas City, Kan. and Ray Mangrum, Los Angeles. Mangrum withdrew on the final eighteen holes. Rhodes had plenty of incentive to win as besides the winning $2,000 purse, he is understood to have been guaranteed earnings of $50,000 during the year by Lew Clayton, Jimmy Durante's manager. Clayton also promised him $1,000 if he finished in the first twenty scorers.

After day, Rhodes still played well enough to have been in the money, but he was beset with atrocious luck in his short game with putt after putt either falling inches one way or another. Riviera's greens are among the most difficult in golfdom to negotiate.

Possessed with one of the game's most formful swings, Rhodes' drives were for the most part straight down the fairway.

Doubtless his most spectacular shot of the tourney was a 175 foot recovery shot out of the rough on the ninth hole on his first nine, Friday. The ball landed on the green less than a foot from the hole, hit the flag and bounced back dead. The huge gallery gave him a rousing hand. He scored a birdie on the four par hole.

Sat. 6-19-48

Toughest luck golfer of the tourney was Bill Spiller, Rhodes' fellow pro. He failed by one stroke to qualify for the open and failed by a similar margin to enter the tourney as an alternate.

Headlines That Helped Do It!

The Worker
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Daily Worker, New York, Tuesday, January 20, 1948 Page 15

"MUST BUST JIMCROW!" SAY TWO BANNED NEGRO GOLFERS

...needs a shot in the arm more than any other sport today." By ... shot in the arm, the 34-year-old ... in the Los ... weeks ago, ...

...thing down. I'd a lot rather have my kid playing with your kid than fighting with him. And this is the kind of thing that makes them fight."

Ted Rhodes, who started as a ... the age of 11 and has ... ever since ...

...da. All we need is a chance to get in there and shoot with them."

Both Rhodes and Spiller are confident golf Jimcrow will be licked before long. And one way in which that day can be hastened is for all democratic minded fans to flood the PGA with letters, ... demanding its ... be stricken from the PGA constitution.

Write NOW, to:
Ed Dudley,
President, Professional Golfers Association,
134 North LaSalle Street,
Chicago, Ill.

Let's tee off against golf Jimcrow and kayo it in sub par time!

Let's Make Golf Open!

By BILL MARDO

THE WORKER FEBRUARY 15, 1948

2 Negro Golfers Sue PGA for $250,000

By Bill Mardo

The lily-white Professional Golfers Assn ... sued for $250,000 damages this ... and Ted Rhodes ...

Daily Worker, New York, Friday, February 6, 1948 Page 15

PGA's Alibi Putt-ers to New Low

Body Promises It Won't Discriminate Any More

The Afro-American
Baltimore, Md

Golfers Drop $315,000 Suits

Filed in California Court Action

Sat 10-2-48

MARTINEZ, Calif. (NNPA) — The attorney for three colored golfers, who were barred from competing in the $10,000 open golf tournament at the Richmond (California) Golf Club last January, said last Tuesday he had won a pledge of no further "discrimination" by the Professional Golfers Association.

Jonathan Rowell, representing Bill Spiller and Ted Rhodes of Los Angeles and Madison Gunther of San Francisco, said he was satisfied with the dismissal of his clients' suit for damages of $315,000 against the Richmond Golf Club and the PGA.

Each man had asked damages of $105,000 — $5,000 from the Richmond Golf Club and $100,000 from the P.G.A. because of the refusal of the association to permit them to play and its denial to them of the right to earn their livelihood as professional golfers.

Rowell said representatives of the P.G.A. had pledged that there would be no rule against colored golfers in the future and declared his clients had filed the suit not for financial redress but to "break down racial barriers."

Pledges Open Tournaments

The P.G.A., through Attorney Dana Murdock, declared in the court of Superior Judge Hugh Donovan that it would not discriminate or refuse tournament-playing privileges to anyone because of colo

Attorney Rowell then asked that the suit be dismissed.

Rowell later said his clients were satisfied with the P.G.A.'s revised attitude would help all colored golfers. Sat 10-2-48

Rhodes, Spiller and Gunther brought their suit last January after the Richmond Gold Club had accepted their entrance fees for the tournament and then returned the money and told them they could not play. At the time they were told by George Schneiter, P.G.A. tournament director, that the association's constitution restricted membership to members of the Caucasian race.

Pat Markovich, tournament director, said he had no discretion in the matter as the P.G.A. was running the tournament under a contract and could fix qualifications of competitors as it saw fit.

U.S. Judge Kills Golf Segregation

Afro American

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BALTIMORE

All of the city's golf courses are now open to colored players.

A ruling to this effect was rendered this afternoon (Friday) by Federal Court Judge W. Calvin Chesnut, who recently heard the case against the city brought by Charles Law, golf enthusiast, which sought an injunction to do away with the segregation.

Heretofore, colored players have been restricted to the 9-hole Carroll Park course, while white golfers have had access to three 18-hole courses.

Judge Chesnut decreed that the city Park Board, by this setup, failed to provide "substantially equivalent" for colored persons, thereby violating the 14th Amendment of the Constitution.

He suggested, however, that a schedule of different hours be worked out to avoid any friction between the two races using the courses. Baltimore Md.

No Jurisdiction in Norris Case

At the same time, Judge Chesnut decided that the Federal Court had no jurisdiction in the case seeking to withhold city funds from the Maryland Institute of Art as long as it admits white students only. Sat 6-26-48

This case was filed on behalf of Leon A. Norris, war veteran and talented artist who was denied admittance to the school.

Judge Chesnut said such a "taxpayer's suit" could be filed in the State courts and if a Constitutional question were raised, that question could be taken to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Wrestler Claybourne Makes Hit In Honolulu

Chicago Defender

By HUBERT H. WHITE

HONOLULU — Jack Claybourne world famous wrestler, arrived here from California two weeks ago and has become the greatest drawing card of wrestling events, given every Sunday night at the Civic Auditorium.

He is one of the cleverest and fastest mat men ever to appear here. Chicago Illinois

When he made his debut two weeks ago with Maurice Chappelle, junior heavyweight champion of California, he demonstrated unquestioned ability to use holds and tactics far superior to many of the wrestlers seen here.

Claybourne and Chappelle wrestled to a 45-minute draw before 5,000 wild applauding fans.

KNOCKS SELF OUT

In Sunday night's meet with Ted Travis, Hawaiian junior heavyweight champion and known "killer," Claybourne lost the match only because he made a spectacular dropkick, and knocked himself out, while Travis, knocked groggy, fell across his body. Sat 5-1-48

The match was jammed with sensational action and the 4,500 fans were kept in a constant state of uproar.

Travis won the first fall when he applied a reverse leg lock.

But in the second encounter, Claybourne came back and gave Travis one of the worst roughing-up jobs ever witnessed here. He made a leap-frog spring over the fereree and dropkicked Travis. And before Travis could recover from the surprise of his life, Claybourne used arm whips to slam him around before applying a body press to win the fall.

Claybourne was well on his way to a slashing victory, for he had Travis groggy and reeling after throwing him out of the ring several times, in the third attack. But when he landed on his head from the "dropkick" he made, Travis was lucky to turn it into a fall. Sat 5-1-48

47g 1948 General

2 Negro Golfers Sue PGA for $250,000

47g gen. Daily Worker

By Bill Mardo New York, N.Y.

The lily-white Professional Golfers Assn. and the Richmond, Calif., Golf Club will be sued for $250,000 damages this morning after denying entry to Negro pros Bill Spiller and Ted Rhodes in the $10,000 Richmond open. A second suit will be filed in the Contra Costa Superior Court at Martinez for $3,400, the amount of first and second place prize money in the tourney. Fri. 1-16-48

Two weeks ago Spiller and Rhodes became the first Negroes to compete in the big Los Angeles Open, a fact ignored by all the metropolitan press but the Daily Worker. When Spiller created somewhat of a sensation tying Ben Hogan with a 68 after the first round, the papers merely referred to him as an unknown "Los Angeles redcap."

According to George Schneiter, PGA tournament director at Richmond, the only reason Spiller and Rhodes played at Los Angeles was because that particular tourney hadn't been sponsored by the PGA. The Richmond Open is.

ADMITS CAUCASIAN CLAUSE

This writer yesterday spoke with Thomas Crane, executive secretary of the national PGA-Council. He admitted there is a "Caucasian clause" which bans Negroes from admission to the PGA. He insisted, however, that quite often golfers who are not affiliated with the PGA are allowed to compete in PGA sponsored tournays providing they had filed the usual formal application.

Asked how long the Caucasian clause had been part of the PGA constitution, Crane replied. "Well, the PGA was formed in 1918, and that clause has always been in it, to my knowledge."

Asked if there had ever been any thought given to ending the discrimination against Negroes, Crane said, not up to the present.

Crane was asked if there is a possibility of having the Jimcrow clause dropped. "If the question is presented at our next meeting it will be discussed," was all Crane volunteered.

SIDESTEPS JIMCROW CHARGE

Crane refused to give his personal opinion on the question of PGA Jimcrow. He said, "You understand my position."

Asked, isn't it high time the PGA lowered the Jimcrow bars as has been done in baseball and professional football, brought "no comment" from Mr. Crane.

Isn't it true, I inquired, that inasmuch as the PGA sponsors most of the big golf tourneys in the country it is almost impossible for a Negro golfer to compete in mixed tourneys? Crane answered, "There are a good many tournaments around the country that are not affiliated with the PGA."

What happened at Los Angeles two weeks ago was the only case of its kind, according to Crane.

I reminded the PGA official that Joe Louis competed in the Tam O'Shanter tourney last year. Crane couldn't recall whether or not that particular tourney had been sponsored by the PGA.

Bill Spiller, incidentally, is Joe Louis' golf instructor.

Race Members Seek Houston Golf Links; Mayor Gives Praise

Journal-Guide Norfolk, Va.

HOUSTON, Texas—(ANP) — A group of leading Negro ministers and sportsmen appealed to Mayor Oscar Holcombe and the city council to purchase property for the setting up of a golf course for colored people in Houston, last week. Sat. 1-24-48

Presented by J. H. Jemison, the group's petition asked for the purchase of between 151 and 175 acres of property near the Negro district in Houston.

The petition was endorsed by the First, Third, Fourth and Fifth Ward civic clubs, the Negro Chamber of Commerce, the Dental Association, the Federation of Negro Women's Clubs, the Medical Association, the Greater Houston Elks Lodge and the Clinton Park Country Club

Mayor Holcombe praised the petition by saying, "Mr. Jemison, you have made a fine presentation."

Ray Robinson's $3000 open will draw top Negro golfers

47g Tribune Los Angeles, Calif.

NEW YORK — The inaugural of the Ray Robinson Open golf tournament at Engineers course, Roslyn, Long Island, July 26-29, is expected to draw the largest field of top U. S. Negro golfers in history. Sat. 6-5-48

Sponsored by world's welterweight champion Ray "Sugar" Robinson and hosted by the Gotham Golfers club, of New York City, the tourney's $3000 in money and prizes make it the richest in Negro golfdom. (Joe Louis' annual tourney in Detroit is a $2500 affair.)

The pros will shoot 72 holes of medal play for $2500, the winner getting $1000 of it. Competing among themselves, the amateurs will, after qualifying, play match play.

PGA Damage Suit Set For Sept.

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Pittsburgh, Pa
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By HERMAN HILL

SAN FRANCISCO—Indicating a possible out-of-court settlement before trial, Atty. Jonathan Rowell of San Francisco, counsel for golfers Ted Rhodes, Bill Spiller and Madison Gunter, in a $315,000 damage suit against the Professional Golfers Association and Richmond Country Club, spoke in highly optimistic terms last week regarding the outcome of the action.

The case is on the Contra Costa Superior Court calendar in Martinez County for Sept. 28 and will be heard before a jury. 1-24-48

Growing out of the refusal of the PGA and the Richmond Country Club to permit the trio of golfers to participate in the $10,000 Richmond Open last January . . . after their entry fees had been accepted, suit was brought on two counts . . . $5,000 each, against the agent club, and $100,000 each on the second cause against the PGA.

George Schneiter, tournament director for the National PGA advised the golfers they were ineligible to compete in a PGA-sponsored tourney.

Attorney Rowell emphasized that his clients were primarily contesting for the right to join, and to play in all tourneys sponsored by the golfers association, and not for monetary damages involved. He said they would not compromise on this point.

He pointed out the golfers in question had much at stake, and added it was very possible they would find gainful employment as salesmen for major sporting goods firms if they were eligible for membership in the PGA.

Heavy Suit Filed After Jim Crowing

Black Dispatch
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SAN FRANCISCO — (ANP) — The Professional Golf association finds itself facing a $250,000 damage suit for its announced discriminatory policy of allowing membership and play in PGA tournaments "only to members of the Caucasian group." The suit is being brought by Atty. Jonathan H. Rowell in behalf of Bill Spiller, Ted Rhodes and Madison Gunter, three top Negro professionals from Los Angeles.

Oklahoma City, Okla

The trio made application for entry into the PGA-sponsored Richmond $10,000 open tournament which opened last Thursday at Richmond, Cal. PGA requested them to withdraw their entries because of its rules not to allow non-Caucasians to compete with Caucasians. Spiller, a red cap at the Los Angeles Union station, entered the tournament with Rhodes, who is Joe Louis' personal instructor, fresh from an excellent showing in the recent non-PGA Los Angeles open. Both had placed low enough to enter the tournament without qualifying,—Rhodes shooting an 11th place score and Spiller tying with Ben Hogan, the L. A. open winner, in the opening round with a 68. Spiller wound up among the top 30. Gunther, a local professional, did not participate in any pro contests last year.

None of the three golfers was allowed to tee off Thursday and they were told by a PGA spokesman that their $10 entry fee would be refunded.

According to Atty. Rowell, the suit will be based on the grounds that the association's discriminatory rule deprived the trio of a means of livelihood. Named also in the suit is the Richmond Golf club, from which the trio will ask for the total prize money which they might have won had they been allowed to enter. The prize money amounts to more than $3,500.

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Rhodes and Spiller were the first Negroes to compete in the far-famed annual Los Angeles open. Though finishing out of the money, their tallies put them in qualifying position for the Richmond tourney. Spiller's score was 68-74-78-75; Rhodes, 72-72-74-73. Both players were popular with golf enthusiasts.

One fan learning of PGA's rejection of their entries, sent a protest to the Berkley Daily Gazette in which he described the incident as "a disturbing one."

"Not only is it the type of thing which creates domestic disunity and unhappiness, but it plays into the hands of our nation's enemies abroad.

Black Dispatch

"I am informed that the Richmond Golf club is not responsible for the decision; it would seem unfair, if it is true as alleged that the club was powerless in the situation, to penalize Richmond for what has happened. However, I must admit that I have lost my enthusiasm for viewing PGA-sponsored tournaments until the all-white rule is discarled. I feel sufficiently concerned about the matter to try to get a few thousand golf kibitzers in other parts of the nation to share my view in respect to subsequent tournaments."

Fight vs. Golf Jimcrow Won

By Bill Mardo

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ANOTHER GREAT KNOCKOUT punch was landed flush to the jaw of sports jimcrow this week when the Professional Golfers Association pledged to discontinue its discrimination against Negro linksmen. Golf had long been rated the "untouchable" where ending discrimination was concerned. Since its inception in 1916 when the original PGA constitution was drawn up, there has been a Caucasian clause barring membership to Negroes. With the PGA the kingpin, daddy of pro golf in this country and sponsor of practically every big money meet, its color ban served to deny a livelihood to talented Negro pros.

Not out of any great moral conscience did the PGA pledge to drop Jimcrow. It took a campaign carried on by three courageous Negro golfers in the courts, backed up to the hilt in the sports pages of the **Daily Worker** and **California People's World**. The rest of the "free press" was conveniently mute on this burning issue. As it was through the long years of campaigning to budge Jimcrow in professional baseball.

NOW LET'S LOOK into the sequence of events which led up to last Wednesday's development, when Negro golfers Bill Spiller, Ted Rhodes and Madison Gunther agreed to dismiss their $350,000 court suit when the PGA promised them an end of Jimcrow.

Last January a bit of momentous history was written into the sports archives when Bill Spiller, a Negro pro out of California, and Ted Rhodes became the first Negroes to ever compete in the big Los Angeles Open. Spiller created somewhat of a sensation when he tied the noted Ben Hogan with a 68 in the first round. Spiller's being a Negro was studiously avoided in the press accounts of that opening round. He was merely referred to as some unknown "Los Angeles redcap."

You might wonder how Spiller and Rhodes managed to crack the Los Angeles Open in the first place. The answer is simple. That particular meet hadn't been sponsored by the Professional Golfers Association. But Spiller, Rhodes and another Negro golfer, Madison Gunther, all burningly determined to bring the Jimcrow issue to an open head, filled application for the Richomnd Open in California. This was PGA sponsored. And so Spiller, Rhodes and Gunther were politely informed that they hadn't "qualified" for the Richmond Open. Their entry fees were turned back, they couldn't compete.

THE THREE GOLFERS refused to take that un-subtle bit of Jimcrow lying down. They countered with a $350,000 suit against the PGA, charging the organization with denying them their right to a livelihood.

Spiller and Rhodes put it in simple eloquence, the reason for carrying their case to court. Said Spiller: **"This is bigger than just trying to get into that Richmond Open. We've got to break golf Jimcrow down. I want my kids playing with your kids."**

And Rhodes, who used to be Joe Louis' golf instructor and learned much from the magnificence of that champion's consistent two-fisted barrage against Jimcrow, put the golf issue this way. **"Those guys don't hit the ball any better than we do. All we need is a chance to get in there and shoot with them."**

At that time, this writer spoke to Thomas Crane, executive secretary of the PGA. Crane refused to concede that Jimcrow in golf was in shocking contrast to the democratic tide in boxing, track, baseball and football. All he did allow was: "If the question is presented at our next meeting it will be discussed."

BUT A FEW MONTHS LATER, while the court case was still waiting to come up, it became apparent that the moguls of the PGA and other pro golf outfits had given frightened consideration. Ted Rhodes applied for entre to the United States Open last June, one of the biggest golf annuals of them all, and was allowed to compete. The very first time a touch of democracy had been added to the U. S. Open, which attracts the top pros in the country. The walls were beginning to tumble. . .

And down they came last Wednesday, when the PGA got the Negro golfers to withdraw their suit on the promise of an end to Jimcrow on the golf greens. Whether or not the PGA reneges on its pledge, remains to be seen. If they don't, a tremendous victory has been won over the forces of Jimcrow. If the PGA does try to backpedal, then they can be assured that the fight will be resumed. Nobody rests until the memory of golf Jimcrow becomes just that—an ugly memory.

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Bill Spiller

In This Corner...

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New York, N.Y.

By Bill Mardo

There's News—and News

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HEADLINITIS IS ONE DISEASE I'll usually buy on the sports pages, certainly whenever the bold lines scream of a DiMaggio getting $70,000.... Gilmer making Marshall **of the Redskins (that other Marshall won't like the Reds connotation)** come close enough to the original asking price of 100-thousand . . . Leo unbottoning a long silent lip for the edification of Dodger fans . . . while boss Branch takes over the signal calling for the football team of the same name. A good day for news, in these dog days between baseball and football seasons. Basketball fans please understand I mean no slander. Daily Worker New York, N.Y.

But if there's generally an exciting difference between the headlines of the sports pages and those atop the inside news pages, too often a similarity crops up when a sports story has overtones not popular with the men who own the Press. You know, casually conscious omissions of the vital facts. Wed. 1-7-48

I have in mind the recently concluded Los Angeles Golf Open, Which Ben Hogan copped for the third time. If you're a follower of the links, it's quite probable you were kept unaware that the Bill Spiller who carded a 68 to tie Hogan on the first day of play was a Negro. Or perhaps you guessed same when you came across reference to Spiller in the **New York Times** and **Herald Tribune** as merely a **"Los Angeles redcap."** Fact is, golf is strictly a lily-white sport, and if there's no formal ban against Negro entrants the same result has been accomplished by the "politer" methods of jimcrow. Fact also is, I can't remember when any other Negro player before Spiller competed in the big Open.

A PRO GOLFER visited us yesterday and it was his opinion the L.A. promoters were probably quite relieved when Spiller shot a 78 the next afternoon to doom his chances of copping. Not that Spiller did too badly by the time the tournament ended. For an unknown to finish 34th in the field of 64 topnotch finalists is quite an accomplishment, particularly when he came in ahead of Lew Wersham, last year's big noise, Olin Dutra, Jimmy Hines, Ed Oliver and men of that caliber.

"Only other time I remember a Negro in a big golf tourney was Joe Louis in the Tam O Shanter," recalled this pro. And of course it's obvious someone like Joe can gain entre to a predominantly jimcrow sport easier than the unknown Negro athlete.

The Spiller story is vitally important. Tennis, golf, bowling, the winter sports are all closed to the Negro athlete. And whenever any Negro manages to open the doors ever so slightly I think that's news, even if the Times and Trib don't. It's a helluva commentary on those few lingering undemocratic hangovers in the sports world that the Spillers haven't become as commonplace in golf et all as they have in the fields of boxing, track, football and basketball. Wed. 1-7-48

Somebody might remind the golf moguls that for a while it was John Shippen, a Negro, who was unofficially credited with the longest American driving record. Scored in strictly jimcrow competition, of course. Daily Worker New York, N.Y.

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N. C. TENNIS MEET TO BE REVIVED

Daily World

Atlanta, Ga. 47th

Thurs. 6-3-48

After an elapse of nine years, the Southeastern Open Championships have again been revived.

The North Carolina Tennis Association in a memorial meeting, May 23 at the residence of Dr. Hubert Eaton, Wilmington, North Carolina, voted to sponsor the Southeastern annually. The meeting was presided over by Dr. L. E. McCauley, President of the Association. A tournament committee was appointed by Dr. McCauley to handle all affairs of the tournament; Mr. W. L. Cook, Durham, N. C., Coach J. B. McClendon, N. C. State College, Durham, N. C, and Dr. R. Walter Johnson, Middle Atlantic Field Secretary, Lynchburg, Va., was made chairman. The Committee was given power to make other appointments and set the machinery in operation for one of these pre-war famous Southeastern Tournaments. Thurs

All events will be played that are played at the Nationals including the recently added veterans women's singles. 6-3-48

Among the many present at the meeting were Geo. Stewart, National Champion, Frank and Nat Jackson, former singles and doubles champions.

Vivacious Althea Gibson to Defend Her National Women's Title This Week

The Courier 47th Sat 8-21-48

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Althea Gibson, the wiry, lithe lasher of the tennis ball and national women's singles champion, will be defending her laurels on the campus of the South Carolina A. and M. College, Orangeburg, this week.

Miss Gibson is the representation of the graceful, gazelle-like racqueteer which American Tennis Association enthusiasts hoped for, but vainly, for many years. Bringing to Dixie the greatest array of open singles titles ever owned at one time by any female star, the young lady seems launched upon an age of personal spread-eagling of the field that will dwarf even the dictatorial days of Ora Washington.

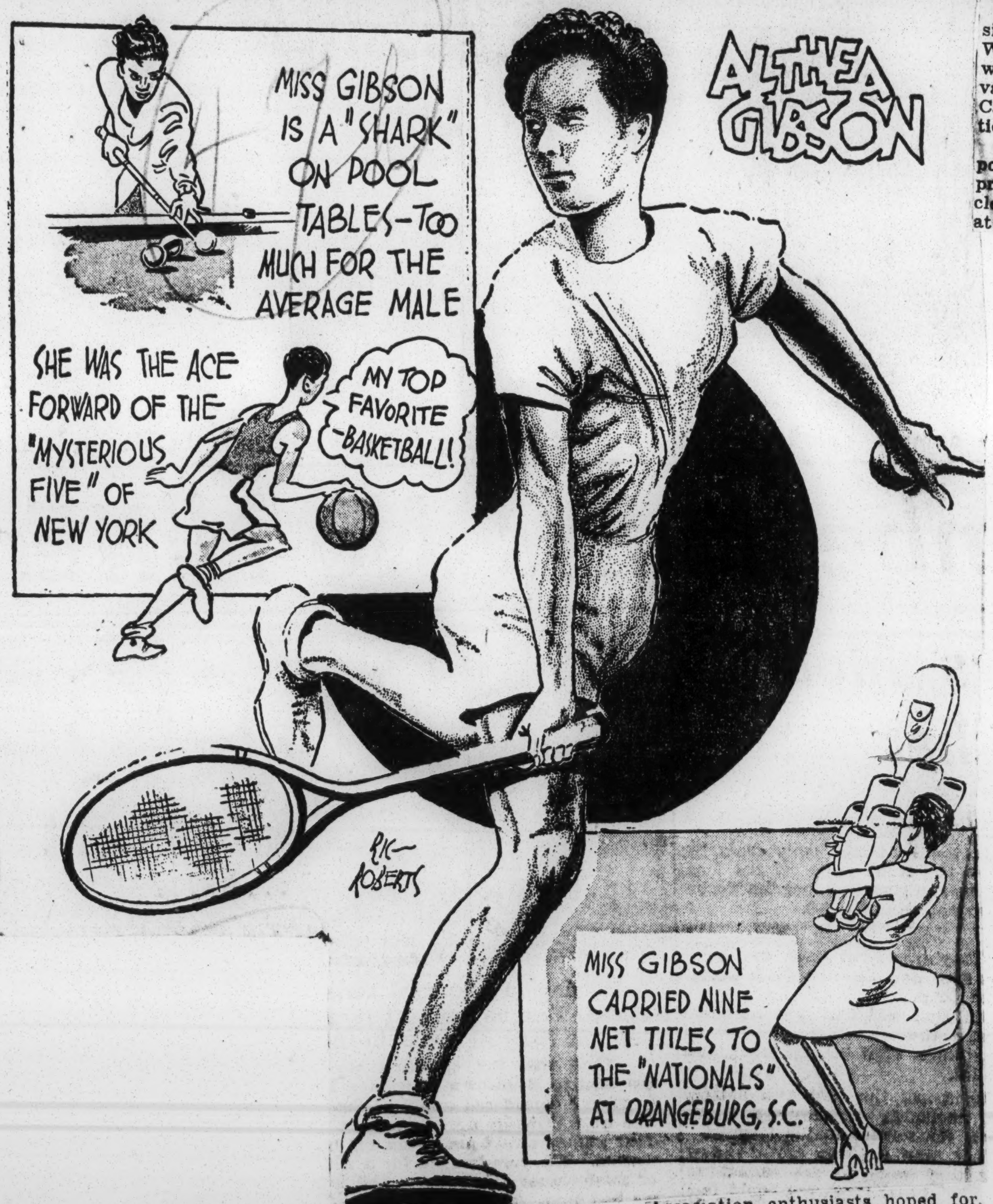
A FLOWING FEMALE

Unlike the muscled knobby-legged women athletes who formerly typified excellence in athletics, Miss Gibson is a slender type and the owner of the cursive lines.

In 1947 she won tournament singles honors at New Haven, Washington, Indianapolis, along with the State affairs in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Virginia, North Carolina, Kansas City and the nationals, too.

Terrific at basketball, pool, ping-pong and other sports, she is a prohibitive favorite to once more clean up the opponents who gather at Orangeburg this week.

Three-Star Performer--By Ric Roberts


MISS GIBSON IS A "SHARK" ON POOL TABLES—TOO MUCH FOR THE AVERAGE MALE
ALTHEA GIBSON
SHE WAS THE ACE FORWARD OF THE "MYSTERIOUS FIVE" OF NEW YORK
MY TOP FAVORITE —BASKETBALL!
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MISS GIBSON CARRIED NINE NET TITLES TO THE "NATIONALS" AT ORANGEBURG, S.C.

In This Corner...

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By Bill Mardo

Budging Tennis Jimcrow

Atlanta, Ga

THERE ARE ALL kinds of people in this world of ours and I'll leave the classification up to you concerning one official of the Professional Golfers Association who defended his organization's Jimcrow constitution with these courageous words: **"What's everybody picking on the PGA for? How about the discrimination in the United States Lawn Tennis Association?**

At the time, Negro golfers Ted Rhodes, Bill Spiller and Madison Gunther were "picking" on the PGA for refusing them entry to the Richmond Open. The case will come to court soon and I hope the PGA is ordered to fess up every last lire of the $350,000 suit filed by the golfers.

Wed. 3-10-48

But if that PGA punk will give a listen, let's take him up on his own piteous premise: Dr. Eugene Weir's entry for the National Indoor Tennis championships was accepted by the U. S. L. T. A. the other day, making him the first Negro ever to compete in that august body's tournaments. Tennis, like golf, has long been the stylistic rampart of lingering sports Jimcrow, the two "untouchables" of the sports scene that wouldn't dirty its hands with the democratic breeze so long a part of the track, boxing, basketball and college football air.

You see, there comes a day when the pioneering efforts of the Joe Louises, Jackie Robinsons and Henry Armstrongs add up and the weight becomes a little burdensome for even the lily-whites to bear. And, slow but sure, the walls will come down. Just as surely as the vast bulk of American fandom want no part of Jimcrow with their sports diet and only so slow till they put that desire into the concrete form of mass campaigns.

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This applies just as well with Weir's acceptance by the national indoor tennis committee. Its chairman, Alrick H. Man, Jr., was quick to remind newsmen yesterday that Weir's entry didn't necessarily mean the U. S. L. T. A. has thrown in the towel on its Jimcrow policy. **"It is simply a decision of this group,"** Man added, insisting his committee couldn't speak officially for any U. S. L. T. A. change of heart.

But it would be naive to imagine that Man's precedent-shattering action came without any prior consultation with the parent body. It will be interesting to see, however, what happens when Weir or someone else applies for entry to other U. S. L. T. A.-sponsored matches. That should be the real test of whether tennis Jimcrow is really on the skids. Meantime, it would be a good idea if tennis fans sent along a word of congratulation to the national indoor committee, and also urging them to see that Weir's entry does snowball into an official change of policy by the U. S. L. T. A.

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A FEW WORDS on Weir are now in order. He has been for years one of the big guns in the 31-year-old Jimcrow American Tennis Association, along with such topnotch Negro tennis stars as Talley Holmes and others. Back in 1928, when Weir was captain-elect of the CCNY tennis squad, he and Gerald Norman, Jr., were rejected for the national indoor championships because the shade of their skin didn't rest well with the U.S.L.T.A. It took 20 years, but tomorrow, on the floor of the Seventh Regiment Armory, Dr. Weir will have finally gained entre.

Now what was it that great little character from the Professional Golfers Association was saying?

Negro Among Net Stars

P.M. New York, N.Y.

Dr. Reginald Weir

Seeking Kramer Crown

Tues. 3-9-48

A Negro player will be among the 64 men trying to succeed Jack Kramer as U. S. indoor tennis champion when the National tournament opens at the 7th Regt. Armory Thursday.

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He is Dr. Reginald S. Weir of New York whose entry was announced yesterday by the Tournament Committee which drew up the pairings for singles fields of 64 men—exactly one full bracket—and 29 women.

Alrick H. Man, Jr., Committee Chairman, said Weir would be the first of his race to play in a National championship in the long history of the U. S. Lawn Tennis Assn., which was founded in 1881.

'A Good Player'

"We accepted Dr. Weir's entry because he has shown by his participation in other tournaments that he is a good player," said Man, who also is non-playing captain of the U. S. Davis Cup team.

Weir himself declined comment when reached by telephone at the Park Ave. site of the tournament, where he was engaged in a practice match.

He has played in the Eastern indoor tournament the past three years and is well known in Eastern net circles. He first drew attention in 1946 when he eliminated Landislav Hecht, former Czech Davis Cup star, from the Eastern meet.

Reached Semi-Finals

This year he progressed to the semi-finals before he lost a 6-4, 11-9 decision to Ed McGrath of Brooklyn, who went on to take the title. Tues.

In the first round of men's singles play, beginning at 1 p.m. Thursday, Weir will meet Thomas Lewyn of Scarsdale, N. Y.

Oddly enough, the field in the scramble for the title vacated when Kramer turned pro includes several well-known foreign stars but only two Americans from the first 15 in the USLTA rankings.

They are Billy Talbert, ranked fifth in the Nation and seeded first in the tournament, and Irvin Dorfman, ranked 15th and seeded second. 3-9-48

Other domestic seedings among the men include McGrath, Frank Shields, Sid Schwartz, Richard Savitt, Chauncey Steele, and Frank J. Bowden in that order.

The foreign list is headed by Marcel Bernard, lefthanded Frenchman who is the top ranking player of his country. Jean Borotra, the veteran French star who won the U. S. indoor title four times in prewar years, was seeded second.

Armando Vieira, Brazilian champion, was given the No. 3 seed, with Vinicius Rurac, former Romanian titleholder now residing in Allentown, Pa., fourth, and Henri Rochon of Montreal, Canada, fifth.

Doris Hart, who was runner-up to Pauline Betz last year, heads the domestic seeding of four in the feminine field which also was left wide open when Miss Betz turned pro.

P.M. New York, N.Y.

Following Miss Hart, ranked third in the country, are Mrs. Patricia Canning Todd, fourth ranking player; Gertrude Moran, No. 9 on the National list, and Mrs. Helen Pedersen Rihbany, two-time former winner and currently ranked tenth.

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Dr. Weir Wins Opening Match

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New York. Fri. 3-12-48

First Negro to Ever Play in Nat'l Tourney Beats Lewyn 6-4, 6-2; Favorites Advance

Dr. Reginald S. Weir of New York, the first Negro ever to compete in a National Tennis Championship under the sponsorship of the hitherto

yesterday made an auspicious debut in the National Indoor play by defeating Tom Lewyn, a National Class A ranked Junior.

Dr. Weir, 36-year old surgeon who is four time holder of the Negro American Tennis Association crown, showed a fast, well rounded game in beating 17-year old Lewyn in straight sets 6-4, 6-2 to the cheers of the crowd at the 7th Regiment Armory.

In his next match Dr. Weir meets the indoor champ, and tourney favorite, first seeded Billy Talbert. The schedule was drawn out of a hat. Fri. 3-12-48

Third seeded Ed McGrath, 21-year old St. Johns sophomore, easily beat Ed Jacobs 6-1, 6-3. In other first round results Bill Madamba, formerly of the Philippines, downed Gilbert Talliard 6-2, 6-1; W. J. Clifton eliminated Frank J. Chiapponi 6-3, 2-6, 6-2; David Lind downed Ted Pine 6-0, 6-3; Charles Pine came from behind in each set to eliminate Charles Gilbert 6-3, 9-7; Frank Bowden downed Hamilton Albaugh Jr. 6-0, 6-1; and Dan Rivkin, number six Eastern junior, rallied to beat Frank Salichs 4-6, 6-2, 6-1.

Phil Hanna defeated Morris Adelberg 5-7, 7-5, 6-4; Jack Geller beat Richard Squires 6-3, 9-7; Irvin Dorfman seeded second, defeated James Gates 6-0, 6-2; William Tal

rt, seeded first, defeated Fred rais, 6-0, 6-1; Lester Hirschfield n by default from Gus Ganzen- aller.

Action Is Deferred On Spinelli License

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From Wire Dispatches.

A Negro player will be among the 64 men who will try to succeed Jack Kramer as U. S. indoor tennis champion when the national tournament opens at the Seventh Regiment Armory in New York Thursday.

He is Dr. Reginald S. Weir of New York, whose entry was announced yesterday by the tournament committee. It was announced that Weir would be the first of his race to play in a national championship in the long history of the U. S. Lawn Tennis Association, founded in 1881.

Weir has played in the Eastern Indoor Tournament the past three years and is well known in eastern net circles. This year he gained the semi-finals, where he lost to Ed McGrath of Brooklyn, who captured the title.

Play in the women's singles starts Saturday, with Doris Hart

top seeded. Jan. 27-48

BOXING—The Illinois State Athletic Commission yesterday deferred action on its threat to suspend the managerial license of Mike Spinelli, New York, in connection with the ring death of Sam Baroudi, on February 21. The commission met a few hours after ranking light-heavyweight Ezzard Charles was cleared in felony court in Chicago of an involuntary manslaughter charge stemming from his bout with Baroudi. . . . Joe Louis, who went to London to box exhibitions, is just as popular as a golfer. The champion is declining from three to four invitations daily to tour the London links.

The Courier-Journal

RACING—Hope of finding Jockey Al Snider and his two fishing companions, missing in Florida Bay since last Friday, dwindled yesterday as a vast fleet of ships and airplanes conducted a futile search for the lost party. Snider, a contract rider for Calumet; C. H. "Tobe" Trotter, a Miami trainer and Donald Frazier, a Toronto manufacturer, disappeared in the darkness Friday when their small boat was caught in a squall.

OTHER SPORTS—President Clarence Campbell of the National Hockey League, said yesterday that he would definitely announce the results of his investigation into player gambling charges when he meets Governor Kim Sigler at Lansing, Mich., today. . . . Herb McKenley believes his island of Jamaica with its four-man team has a good chance to win four major titles in the Olympic Track and Field Championship. McKenley is favored in the 400 meters and may compete in the 200. McKenley also thinks Jamaica runners can win the 800 meters event and the 1,600-meter relay. . . . The rigid duck hunting regulations of 1947 may be relaxed this year, Director Albert M. Day of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service said yesterday. . . . Charles P. McCormick, Baltimore business man, took on the job yesterday of

enough money to keep the Balti-
more Colts of the All-America Profes-
sional Football League in that city. The
goal is $400,000 to be sought as a civic
enterprise. The Colts lost $180,000 last
year.

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orts In Brief

The Courier-Journal

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Louisville, Ky.

Dodds Almost Lost Olympic Chance On Lack of a Competitor's Number

The Times
New York, N. Y.

Official at National A. A. U. Meet First Had Ruled Off Mile Ace on a Technicality —Albritton a Disappointment

Mon. 7-5-48

By JOSEPH M. SHEEHAN
Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

MILWAUKEE, July 4—A post-meet highlight of the National A. A. U. track and field championships yesterday was the revelation today that Gilbert Dodds, America's one hope against the swift Swedes in the Olympic 1,500 meters, nearly was ruled off the track on a minor technicality.

It seems the Iron Deacon appeared on the starting line without a competitor's number. An unidentified local official, alert to enforce the letter of the law and not recognizing our great man of the mile, informed Dodds that, without a number, he could not run.

Never one to push himself forward, that is, before the gun goes off, Dodds meekly stepped out of ranks to search for someone who could supply him with a number, saying sadly as he left, "don't hold up the race on account of me."

Post Comes to Rescue

Al Post, New Jersey A.A.U. president who was serving as a clerk of course, spotted the disconsolate preacher and quickly set matters to rights by scribbling the first number that came to his mind on the back of Dodds' white jersey

As a winner in his first National outdoor title race since 1943, Dodds requires no alibis. However, this upsetting incident, the reckless early pace he ran to get clear of an overcrowded field and the 95-degree heat all contributed to the 3:52.1 clocking he returned when primed for 3:48 or better.

Originally drawn in twenty-fifth position among the thirty-two starters, Dodds, in the second line, received a break when some self-effacing front-liner voluntarily surrendered the favored spot to him. Overanxious to avoid entanglement, Galloping Gil was off with the gun like a frightened horse.

He careened through a 0:56.6 first quarter and a 1:59.8 half. Laboring under this pace, Dodds tailed off to 3:07 for his three-quarters and was flying distress signals.

Better Final Race Seen

However, it was significant that when Roland Sink came up from the ruck to challenge him on the final backstretch, the preacher had enough reserve to pull away to a six-yard triumph. Incidentally, this was Dodds' thirty-fifth straight victory at distances from 1,000 yards to three miles.

Galloping Gil's time infused young hopefuls like Don Gehrmann, Herb Barten and Sink with big ideas but, with a twelve-man field for the final Olympic tryout at Evanston next Saturday, it is hardly likely that he will run another such unbalanced race.

At any rate, Dodds gets his shot at the London trip, along with such other prime United States contenders as Harrison Dillard, Barney Ewell, Reggie Pearman, Roy Cochran, Steve Seymour, Bob Bennett, Bill Vessie and Fred Johnson.

The single major casualty in the A. A. U. semi-final, which saw all the top American talent except Mel Patton, Chuck Fonville and Willie Steele in action, was Dave Albritton. The 1936 Olympic runner-up in the high jump who came up to the test with the year's best mark of 6 feet 8¼ inches, failed to clear 6 feet 5 inches.

Albritton Balks Twice

Albritton twice ran under the bar for balks and knocked it off on his final attempt. "Can you imagine a guy like me choking up like that," said the 36-year-old Dayton veteran, a money jumper if there ever was one.

There were other disappointments—Johnny Fulton, Tom Carey, Tommy Quinn, to name a few—but performances and competition in the championships were on a level that caused Emil Von Elling, senior member of the Olympic coaching staff present, to predict that the United States will send to London the "finest team we have ever assembled."

"Of course, the competition will be the strongest we ever have faced in the Olympics but we should do very well, particularly in the sprints, both hurdles, shot put, pole vault and high jump. We'll have real contenders also in the 800, perhaps in the 1,500, the discus, hammer and javelin throws," Von Elling stated.

Many qualifiers for the final tryouts, including the New York A. C.'s twelve-man contingent, largest from any single organization, six from the Pioneer Club, and Harry McDonnell of the New York Police Department are staying here. The bulk of the candidates from other sections went to the Great Lakes Naval Training Station near Chicago to await the start of the finals on Friday.

[From Final Edition of Yesterday's TIMES.]

A. A. U. Track Champions

100 Meters—Barney Ewell, unattached, Lancaster, Pa.
200 Meters—Lloyd La Beach, Los Angeles A. C.
*400 Meters—Herb McKenley, Shore A. C., Elberon, N. J.
800 Meters—Herbert Barten, University of Michigan.
1,500 Meters—Gilbert Dodds, Boston A. A.
*5,000 Meters—Curtis Stone, Philadelphia Shanahan C. C.
*10,000 Meters—Edward O'Toole, New York A. C.
110 Hurdles—William Porter, Northwestern University.
200 Hurdles—Madill Gartiser, University of Missouri.
400 Hurdles—Roy Cochran, Los Angeles A. C.
*3,000 Steeplechase—Forest Efaw, unattached, Stillwater, Okla.
3,000 Walk—Henry H. Laskau, New York Maccabi A. C.
*Hammer Throw—Robert Bennett, Rhode Island Track and Field Officials A. A.
*Shot-Put—Francis Delaney, San Francisco Olympic Club.
Broad Jump—Fred Johnson, Michigan State College.
*Javelin Throw—Stephen Seymour, Los Angeles A. C.
Pole Vault—*A. Richmond Morcom, New Hampshire State A. A., and Robert Richards, Illinois A. C., tie.
High Jump—Tom Scofield, University of Kansas, and William A. Vessie, New York A. C., tie.
56-Pound Weight Throw—Henry Dreyer, New York A. C.
Hop, Step and Jump—Gaylord Bryan, Stanford University.
*Discus Throw—Fortune Gordien, University of Minnesota.
*Team—New York A. C.

*Retained title.

N. Y.

7-5-48

Alice Coachman Favored In Women's High Jump

The Courier
Sat 8-7-48
Pittsburgh Pa.

LONDON—She's "tops" with the American women's track and field team! That's Alice Marie Coachman, the major hope of the U. S. in the high jump who is the favorite to top the world in the Olympics ladies leaping event.

Alice Marie, who once equalled the Olympic record of 5 feet 5 inches at Tuskegee, is representing Albany State Colege at Albany, Ga., a school with an enrollment of only 700 students. But in the finals at Providence, R. I., she smashed the American record to make the squad with a jump of 5 feet 4¾ inches.

The former Tuskegee student, who was originally a student of Coach Cleve Abbott, says that a faculty member, Dr. Steele once promised her a dinner if she jumped 5 feet 5 inches. She had been jumping straight to the bar. But Abbott taught her the Western roll. She tried that, and it worked charms. She made the record-equaling jump and got the hot rolls and butter . . . and the dinner.

HAS BEATEN WALSH

The Albany State streamlined star is also a runner who will probably be a big asset to the women's 400-meter relay team. Alice Marie holds victories over the great Stella Walsh in '43, '44, '45 and '46. She's quite versatile, too, being the only triple winner in the Nationals prior to the Providence finals where Coachman captured the 100, broad jump and 200-meter events.

Alice is just about the most popular member of the U. S. women's track and field squad, according to her teammates.

When we asked her about this, she modestly replied:

"Well, you see I finished a two-year course in tailoring and dressmaking at Tuskegee. And the other girls all come to see me when they need buttons sewed on and their trunks (running trunks, that is.)"

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So she's tops with the team . . . and can sew, too, but adds that she can't even cook an egg.

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Wed. 9-1-48

LOVELY MISS ALICE COACHMAN, only American member of the Women's Track and Field Team to win a first place and gold medal at the 14th Olympiad, held at London, England, will arrive in her native city Albany where thousands of citizens colored and white will stage a mammoth parade in her honor, on Wednesday, September 1. She holds the National AAU record. Dr. Aaran Brown president of the college is chairman of the celebration and Prof. H. A. Ryan is parade marshall and all persons desiring to enter the parade should contact him at Albany State College. The parade will begin at 5 o'clock in the afternoon at the fair grounds in the northern section of Albany.

9-1-48 Wed.

Giant Celebration To Honor Alice Coachman

World Atlanta Ga.

Wed.

ALBANY, Ga.—(SNS)—Georgians will open their arms in a giant demonstration and testimonial for Alice Coachman, only American woman Olympic winner today when a huge homecoming festival has been planned here to honor the prize-winning high jump star.

Citizens from all over the state will converge on the Southwest Georgia City to give a roaring acclamation to the agile track ace, who blitzed the bars at 5 feet, 6½ inches for a new Olympic record.

Miss Coachman arrived in the United States Friday with 217 Olympic athletes and officials from London, where they had captured 38 gold medals in the summer games which ended two weeks ago.

Atlanta will join in the festivities planned in Miss Coachman's honor. An "Alice Coachman Motorcade" which will leave the Gate City at 9:00 A. M. this morning and will participate in the mammoth parade to be held here that afternoon.

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Cars participating in the motorcade to be held here this afternoon will have on display a sign or poster indicating the community which is sponsoring it and a word of greeting to the returning Olympic winner.

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Alice Coachman is one of Georgia's two Olympic winners. The other is "Specs" Towns, University of Georgia hurdle star.

Unassuming and modest, Miss Coachman has enjoyed a prolific floor myself."

Mrs. Coachman is very much like her famous daughter. She is very quiet and modest. On her appearance one would think she would never get excited but her children are the dearest things to her heart and she is always concerned about their welfare.

She gives credit to Alice's persistence in track to Alice herself for she said after she had wo nmedals in high school, "I told her to stop because I thought she might get some of her limbs broken, but she always had a word to say so I let her go ahead."

It has been a long hard way for the Albanian. Her father died some years ago and the mother had the job of supporting Alice and the other children. On this Mrs. Coachman said "many times I had to go to the loan company to help get Alice the things she needed but somehow we have always managed."

Mrs. Coachman has five more children besides Alice, Fred Coachman, Jr., is in Camden, N. J., Pierce Coachman is in New York City, Mrs. Jessie C. Ware is in Plainfield. Conn., Mrs. Mary McCray and Miss Dicy Coachman are in Albany.

From the days when Alice went to Laster School in Ragsdale where her first teacher, Mrs. Rosa Laster said, "Alice needs to jump over sticks and ropes at recess" to the highest award possible for an amateur athlete, show the possibilities that are afforded every person living in America, regardless to race, creed or national origin.

"She has always been a good girl'" her mother said, "I have never had any trouble out of her. Whenever she found out her mother didn't like sometihng she stopped doing it."

Wednesday all Albany will turn out to pay homage to this fine athlete, this good daughter, this modest girl. Every American who likes the American Way of life will join in this tribute.

Georgia's Olympic Champion

Constitution

Georgia had one athlete in the Olympic games, the track and field events of which have just been concluded at London. That was Miss Alice Coachman, of Albany, a young Negro woman, graduate of Albany State College.

Atlanta, Ga.

She won the high jump, defeating the favorite, a young woman from Great Britain. In winning she established a new Olympic record. Twenty-six years old, she has won 25 gold medals in national track and field events for women. In the 50 and 100-meter races she held the title for two years, defeating the famous Stella Walsh, of Poland, to win those championships.

Tue. 8-10-48

She is the only member of the United States women's Olympic squad to win a gold medal in the field events. We are sure Georgia is proud of her and that her native city will arrange a program in which all citizens can participate in honoring her when she returns home.

PART OF THRONG HONORING MISS COACHMAN — This is part of the throng at Albany, Georgia, which last Wednesday, September 1, viewed the mammoth motorcade honoring Georgia's Olympics track champion, Miss Alice Coachman. Thousands turned out along the route from Atlanta to Albany to honor Miss Coachman, who won the women's high jump title, the only American woman to win a medal in the Olympics. Encircled car behind the Legionnaires contained Miss Coachman and honorees. — (Scott Photo)

AT RECEPTION FOR MISS COACHMAN — Shown with Miss Alice Coachman at the reception given in her honor at Albany State College on "Alice Coachman Day" Wednesday night, September 1, 1948 are from L to R., Mrs. Evelyn Coachman, the Olympic star's mother. Miss Theresa Manuel, Olympic hurdles star of Tuskegee Institute and Miss Nell Jackson, Olympic sprinting star, also of Tuskegee. — (Photo by Bowen.)

Albany Citizens Plan Huge Welcome For Alice Coachman

Daily World

Tue. 8-17-48

ALBANY, Ga.—(SNS)—A triumphant homecoming is being planned for the only woman winner on the United States Women's track and field team— Miss Alice Coachman— who crossed the bars at 5 feet, 6½ inches for a new Olympic mark, at the 14th Olympiad in London.

The celebration itself will be a landmark in race relations for this South Georgia town, where for the first time in history, citizens— the whole town— are turning out to honor a Negro.

Atlanta Ga.

The Albany State College high jump star in chalking up her winning mark at Wembley Stadium, London, jumped one-half inch higher than her coach Chris Rouhlac predicted she would go. Rouhlac himself was an All-American football player at LeMoyne College, Memphis, Tenn.

Right now the college is planning to send a station wagon all the way to New York to greet Miss Coachman as she steps from the liner. The station wagon, bearing a sign that an Olympic champion is riding therein, will drive Miss Coachman back to Albany by the way of Atlanta and Macon.

Once back in Albany, in addition to a huge parade with representatives of virtually every organization in this South West Georgia town participating, there will be a ceremony at the Muncipal Stadium and then a banquet and dance in her honor at Albany State College.

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This business of winning track events started for a much-younger Alice back in 1937 when a school teacher, Cora Bailey, noticed that the second oldest of the Coachman's six children could run like a deer.

After Alice graduated, her teacher hustled her to Tuskegee Institute and managed to get her enrolled in the Alabama College.

WON IN 1939

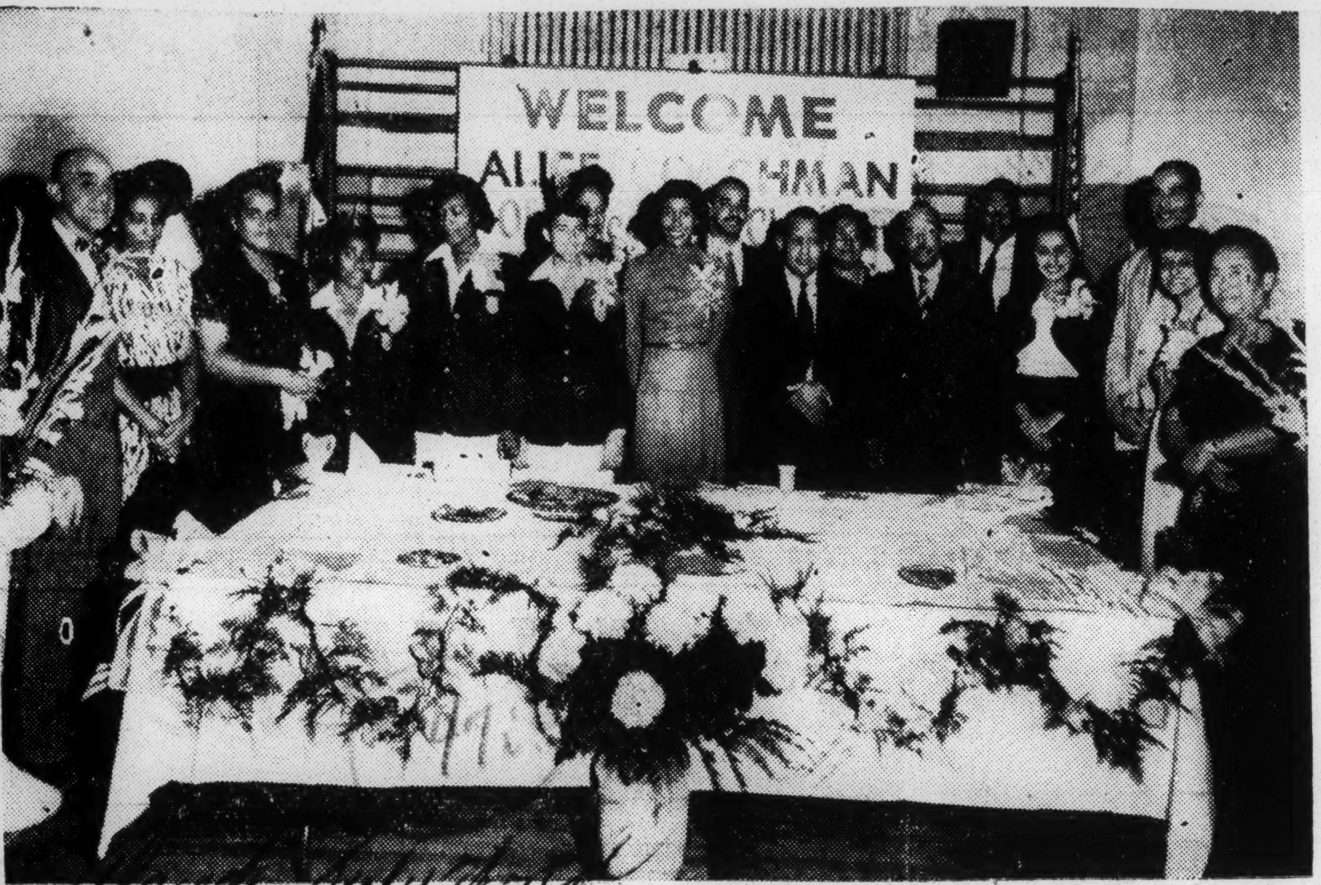
She won her first title in the 50-meter hurdles in 1939 when she competed in the AAU events. She's won the same event every year since.

Right now she holds the AAU record of 5 feet, 4 and 13-16 inches. Besides all that she has won the 50-meter dash in the AAU several times.

Her biggest pre-Olympic year was 1945 when she participated in the AAU trials at Harrisburg, Pa. That time she won the 100-meter dash, the 220, the broad jump, the high jump and the 50-meter hurdles. By the time the meet was over Miss Coachman was able to carry the high-point trophy home with her.

She transferred from Tuskegee to Albany in 1947. The year after she played basketball for the Tuskegee group which nailed down the national championship.

Alice is majoring in home economics, but Roulhac figures that's a shame. He wants her to switch even though she's a senior, to physical education. He thinks if she does, he can arrange it so she can take post graduate work and then return to teach here.



COLORFUL RECEPTION HONORING MISS ALICE COACHMAN—Miss Alice Coachman was signally honored Thursday night Sept. 23rd with a reception held at the YMCA. This affair, part of the many events sponsored by the committee for Alice Coachman Day was planned with Mrs. Geneva Haugabrooks, serving as chairman of the reception committee and hostess for the evening.

The gymnasium was turned into a tower of beauty, decorated with tall baskets of gladioli fringed with fern. The colors pink and green cleverly dominated the decorations.

The floral table decorations were donated and arranged by Mrs. J. J. Sansom. The corsages worn by Miss Coachman and her party were secured from Long Joy Florist, Anderson Flower Shop, Dahl's Florist, Weinstock's Flower Shop, Wachendof Brothers Florist, Marie's Flower Shop, and Sansom's Flower Shop through Mrs. Ruby Blackburn.

Ice cream and Coca Colas for refreshments were donated by Mr. Warren R. Cochrane, YMCA Executive, Mr. Robert Warren of the University Soda, and Aristocrat Ice Cream Dairy.

Those pictured above left to right are as follows: Mr. C. L. Gideons, Mrs. L. Keith, (Olympic Stars, Miss Lily Purifoy, Miss Theresa Manuel, Miss Nell Jackson, Miss Alice Coachman,) Mrs. J, Borders, Hubert Jackson, Dr. Aaron Brown, Albany State College. Reception Committee Chairman, Mrs. G. Haugabrooks, Pres. W. A. Fountain J. H. Calhoune. Mrs. Noble, Mr. Singleton of Tuskegee, Mrs. L. D. Shivery and Mrs. L. D. Shivery and Mrs. Dollie Alexander.

Those members of the Reception Committee that were not picturd above, and worked diligently for its success are Mrs. W. A. Scott, Mrs. Arthur Standard, Mr. Warren Cochrane, Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. Ruby Blackburn.

Albany Pays Tribute To Alice Coachman

ALBANY, Sept. 1—Alice Coachman, who won top honors for the United States in the Olympic high jump for women, received a champion's welcome here today.

A parade, an official welcome, and a reception at her own Albany State College were highlights of an afternoon and evening program of tribute to the 25-year-old Negro track star who became the second Georgian to win Olympic honors.

The downtown streets were lined by people of both races as a mile-long parade wound its way to the City Auditorium for the official welcome.

Mayor James W. Smith, one of more than 20 City and County leaders who formed a welcome committee on the speakers' stand, offered the City's official congratulations.

The Mayor then recalled the long, hard struggle of Alice Coachman to reach the top. He said by reaching that goal that the young woman had not only won honors for herself, but for her family, her school and her community.

James H. Gray, President of the Herald Publishing Company, presided and introduced the program.

Pointing out that "physical excellence alone is not sufficient in the building of a champion," Mr. Gray added:

"It is this girl's spirit that Albanians honor today. For instinctively we recognize it as a product of the force which has made our community aggressive in its commercial aspects and tolerant in its personal associations.

"Alice Coachman's triumph was a personal one, but as we acknowledge that today we also like to feel that in some manner, both tangible and intangible, Albany itself contributed to her success."

Aaron Brown, Albany State College President, responded, and drew applause with a statement that today's demonstration was a striking example of how people of

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Lockmn,cf	3	1	3	0	Murtugh,2b	4	1	3	4
Gordon,3b	3	1	1	2	Walker,rf	4	2	2	0
Mize,1b	2	0	4	0	Kiner,lf	2	0	4	0
Marshl,rf	4	0	5	0	Westlake,cf	4	0	0	0
Mueller,lf	4	1	0	0	Stevens,1b	3	0	8	0
Thomson,lf	0	0	0	0	cBasgall	1	0	0	0
Cooper,c	4	1	9	1	Bockmn,3b	2	0	1	3
Kerr,ss	3	1	1	5	Kluttz,c	2	0	4	0
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					bGuestine	1	1	0	0
					Higbe,p	0	0	1	0
					dChesnes	1	0	0	0
					Bonham,p	1	0	0	0
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Totals	32	8	27	9	Totals	31	5	27	13

aWalked for Bonham in 5th.
bSingled for Singleton in 7th.
cStruck out for Stevens in 9th.
dStruck out for Higbe in 9th.

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R—Mueller, Cooper, Kennedy, Bockman. E—Fitz Gerald 2, Stevens, Lohrke. RBI—Kennedy, Gordon 2, Fitz Gerald. SB—Bockman. DP—Bockman to Stevens; Murtaugh to Rojek to Stevens. LOB—New York 7, Pittsburgh 9. BB—Kennedy 6, Bonham 4, Higbe 1. SO—Kennedy 9, Bonham 3, Higbe 4. H—Off Bonnam 6 in 5 innings; Singleton 1 in 2; Higbe 1 in 2. PB—Fitzgerald. LP—Bonham.

CARDINALS 4, PHILLIES 2

PHILA.	ab.	h.	po.	a.	ST. LOUIS	ab.	h.	po.	a.
Walker,cf	4	2	5	0	Lapointe,ss	4	1	2	5
Rowell,lf	3	1	1	0	Schoendt,2b	3	0	3	0
Haas,1b	3	1	8	0	Musial,rf	3	0	5	0
Ennis,rf	3	0	1	0	Slaughter,lf	3	0	5	0
Miller,ss	4	1	3	2	Northey,rf	3	1	2	0
Cabalro,3b	4	2	0	1	Dusak,cf	0	0	0	0
Hamner,2b	4	0	1	4	Young,1b	4	2	5	0
Seminick,c	4	1	5	0	Lang,3b	3	0	1	1
Roberts,p	3	0	0	0	Rice,c	3	1	3	1
aPadgett	1	0	0	0	Hearn,p	3	0	0	0
					Dickson,p	1	0	0	0
Totals	33	8	24	8	Totals	30	5	27	7

aGrounded out for Roberts in ninth.

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R—Rowell, Seminick, Northey, Young 2, Rice. E—Caballero. RBI—Slaughter, Schoendienst, Northey, Seminick, Rowell, Rice. 2B—Walker, Young 2. HR—Northey, Seminick, Rowell. DP—Lapointe and Young. LOB—Philadelphia 7, St. Louis 8. BB—Hearn 2, Roberts 6, Dickson 1. SO—Hearn 3, Roberts 5. H—off Hearn 8 in 7 1-3 innings; off Dickson 0 in 1 2-3. Robb. T—2:24.

Citizens Hold 'Coachman' Day For Heroine

The Defender

Sat 9-11-48

Albany State College Runner Only U. S.

Woman Winner

Chicago Ill.

ALBANY, Ga.—This Georgia city put its color and race distinctions away in mothballs for one day to turn out in full force to welcome home Alice Coachman, women's high jump champion in the recent Olympic Games.

The welcome ceremonies included a parade, an official welcome by the mayor and other city officers, and a reception at her own Albany State College, where the 25-year-old athletic star was the guest of honor. The downtown streets were lined with people of both races as the mile-long parade wound its way through the main streets to the city auditorium. There Mayor James W. Smith and 20 other city and county officials formed the official welcome committee on the speaker's stand.

Mayor Smith praised the struggle which Miss Coachman had made to complete her education and at the same time maintain her interest in athletics. James H. Gray, publisher of the leading white daily declared her "a credit and an honor to her school, her city, her state and her nation," pointing out that "physical excellence alone is not sufficient to make a champion."

Sat 9-11-48

Aaron Brown, president of Albany State college, responded to the speech of welcome, pointing out that persons of good will of whatever race can work together to build a better community and a better nation. His speech drew great applause from the gathered throng.

A BRAVE EFFORT

Last week the city fathers of Albany, Georgia, made a brave effort to be decent. Of course, they failed but, under the circumstances, it would be perhaps unkind to dwell upon that point.

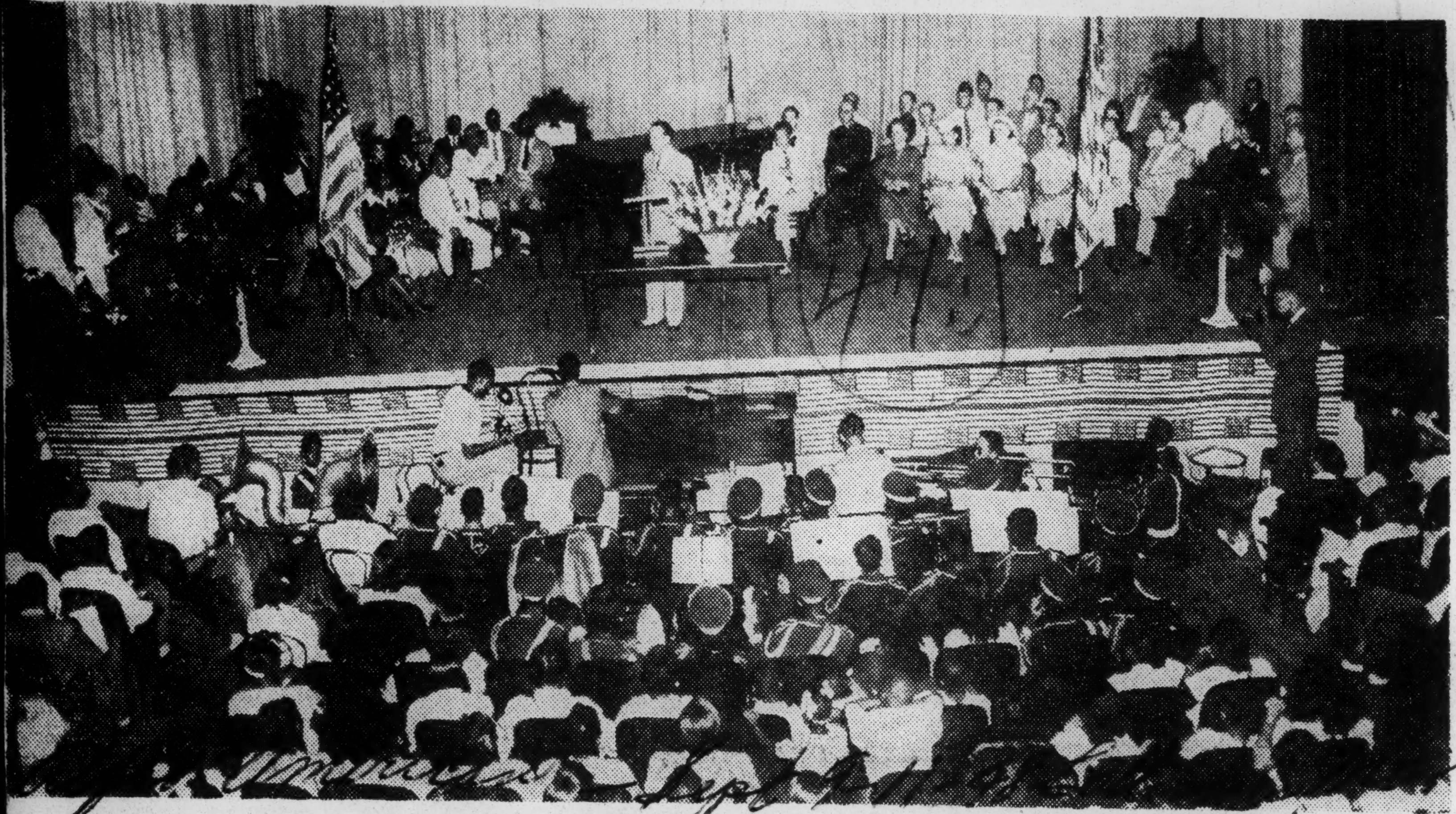
The whole town turned out to give Alice Coachman, the only U. S. girl winner in the track events in the Olympics, a royal welcome. There was a big parade through the main streets and a grand "speaking affair" in the evening. The big shots from the Mayor on down had something nice to say about Miss Coachman. They made history.

Chicago Ill.

From the pictures and descriptions of the news event, the white folks in Albany went as far as they could go without violating what they consider to be the sacred principle of segregation. Imagine the great pains everyone went to keep the people in the right seats, to keep the little black children and the little white children properly separated, to see that no one on either side of the color line cast his shadow over the boundary.

Nevertheless, the whole affair must be put on the credit side of the race relations ledger. Here was evidence that good impulses were at work and that there was a spark of decency in the leadership. They were afraid to stand up and be true Americans, true lovers of democracy, true Christians but they gave us some reasons to believe the day is going to come when the color line is going to lose its magic in Dixie.

But Georgia Still Upheld the 'White Supremacy' Lie



Alice Coachman of Albany, Ga., topped representatives of all other groups in winning the women's high jump at the recent Olympics in Georgia, but that didn't sink in very deep among the white folks in her hometown. At the official welcome in Albany's municipal auditorium there was a section in the balcony reserved exclusively for white supremacists who attended, and on the stage (see above) the races were carefully segregated, with the Nordics on the right an dpeople of color on the left. At the table stands Mayor J. W. Smith, extending official greetings. Dr. Aaron Brown, president of Albany State College, where Miss Coachman is a student, is among those on the left section of the stage.

No Officials of State at Coachman Arrival

The Afro American
Sat 9-4-48

By JAMES L. HICKS

Baltimore Md

NEW YORK (NNPA)—Georgia State officials were conspicuous by their absence here last Friday morning as Alice Coachman, only American woman athlete to win a gold medal in the recent London Olympic track events, disembarked; but the affable Alice appeared little concerned as she shyly admitted to reporters that she is engaged and dismissed French men as being "too passionate."

Flatly refusing to divulge the name of her fiance, whom she admitted was at Tuskegee Institute, Miss Coachman told reporters that she is through with track competition and said she has no immediate plans other than going back to school at Albany College.

Life Photographers Disappointed

Arriving with seven other colored women athletes aboard the liner "Washington," Alice was met at the 21st St. pier by numerous friends and a battery of photographers and newsmen.

However, the scheduled appearance of Georgia State officials who reportedly were going to meet her here and drive or fly her back to Albany, Ga., for a triumphant procession in her home town, did not materialize.

Life Magazine had dispatched two photographers to "cover" the anticipated welcoming of Alice by representatives of the State of Georgia, but although the loudspeaker at the pier repeatedly asked the officials to come forward, none appeared.

Miss Coachman Unperturbed

Miss Coachman and her teammate friend, Miss Theresa Manuel, after clearing customs, finally were driven to the Penn Station, where they hopped a train to the Long Island home of Thomas R. Manuel Jr., a customs official himself, and uncle of Miss Manuel.

Unperturbed by the lack of official welcome from her home State, Miss Coachman said she had heard of some of the plans being made by the State for her arrival, but that she had not cabled any officials at Albany and it was possible that they did not know the date of her arrival.

She said she had heard that a parade had been scheduled for her on Sept. 1 and that so far as she knew it had not been canceled. (Press dispatches had stated that the City of Albany would send a station wagon here to meet Miss Coachman and drive her back).

Gives Up Active Competition

Admitting that she was tired, Miss Coachman, when asked whether she planned to turn professional, looked back out to sea and stated emphatically that "That was all of it."

She said she had gone over with a definite aim—that she had accomplished that aim (she high jumped five feet six and one-half inches)—and that she was through with active competition.

Asked to elaborate on her statement about French men, she would only say that "they are too passionate."

Judge Among Greeters

Among the persons greeting Miss Coachman was Judge Eugene C. Bonniwell of the Municipal Court of Philadelphia, who is said to be one of the oldest men on the bench in America and whose wife is coach of the American Olympic gymnast team.

Mixed Group on Board Ship

Judge Bonniwell said he was all for women participating in sports and thought Miss Coachman one of the greatest of women champions.

Arriving with Miss Coachman, in addition to Miss Manuel, were Misses Emma Reed and Audrey Patterson, Tennessee State College; Misses Nell Jackson and Mabel Walker of Tuskegee Institute; Misses Lillian Young and Bernice Robinson of Chicago; Herb Douglas, Lorenzo Wright and John Davis, trackmen; Don Barksdale, basketball star and other male athletes.

Also included in the arrivals were boxers of the Olympic team, about half of whom were colored.

Wright was sporting a medal belatedly given to him aboard ship. The medal was earned when he ran as a member of the winning quarter mile relay team, but was not officially given to him until long after the race because England was declared the winner until photos showed America had won.

Miss Coachman said she had not noticed a single instance overseas which she could call discrimination.

Alice Coachman To Receive NAACP Youth Award For '48

Daily World
Wed 10-27-48

ALBANY—(SNS)— Alice Coachman, Olympic high jump champion and senior student at the Albany State College, will be the recipient of the 1948 NAACP Youth Award for "outstanding contributions to better human relations," according to an announcement this week by the College's office of Public Relations.

Atlanta Ga.

The award will be made by Walter White, NAACP Executive Secretary, on November 12 at the tenth Annual Youth Conference in St. Louis, Mo.

Dr. Aaron Brown, Albany State president, stated:

"Such a signal honor to one of our students fills us with tremendous pride, indeed, and should fill millions of young men and women every where with tremendous aspiration."

Wed 10-27-48

As special guest, Miss Coachman journeyed to Washington, D. C. to attend the Tennessee State-Wilberforce football classic, Saturday Oct. 23, She was accompanied by Coach Christopher Rouhlac of Albany State.

Record Throng Roars Thunderous Welcome To Miss Alice Coachman

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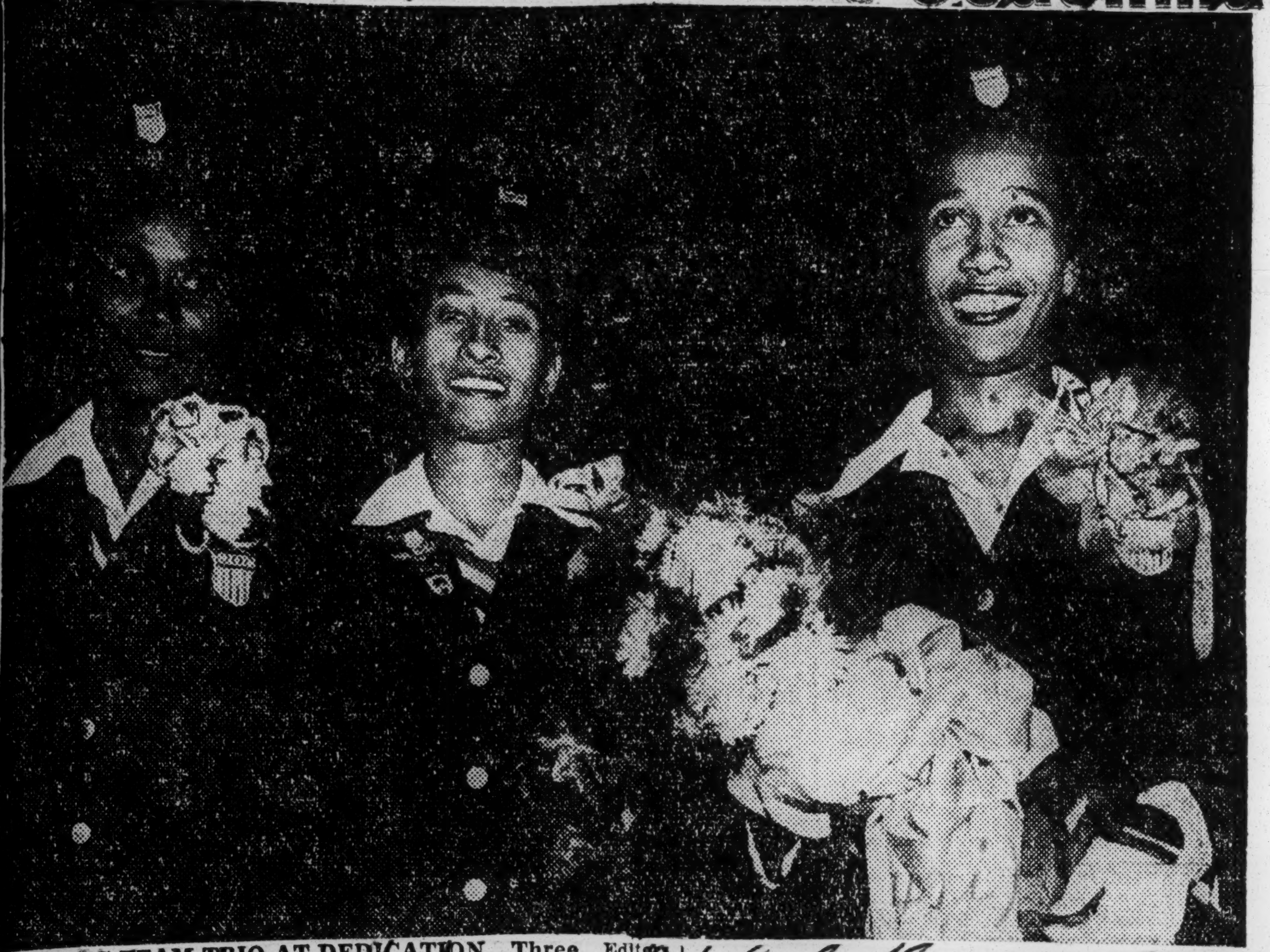

OLYMPIC TEAM TRIO AT DEDICATION—Three members of the 1948 United States Olympic team who were among the guests of Morris Brown College in Atlanta last Friday night at the dedication of the new Herndon Stadium. The night also was set aside as "Alice Coachman night", honoring the only American girl to win a first place in the recent Women's Olympic games in London. Left to right are Miss Emma Reed, national A.A.U. broad jump champion from Tennessee State College; Miss Audrey Patterson, also of Tennessee State College and third place winner in the Olympic 800-yard run, and Miss Coachman, former Tuskegee Institute student but now a senior at Albany, Ga., State College.—William Bowens photo.

The Defender

Chicago Ill.

Sat 9-25-48

CAYTON

Says Miss Coachman Should Tell Somebody Off for Treatment She Received

The Courier

By HORACE CAYTON

(The views expressed in this column are those of the writer and do not necessarily express the editorial opinion of The Pittsburgh Courier. — The Editors.)

Sat 9-18-48

"IT WAS a heck of a hometown reception for the girl who broke the Olympic high jump record" was the cutline in The Courier last week under the picture of Miss Alice Coachman. And it sure was. Most of you read the story, I guess, and know that the Mayor departed without shaking hands or extending greetings to Alice; that the reception was segregated, and she wasn't even asked to speak. This happened in USA, September, 1948. This happened in the country that is supposed to be the torch bearer of democracy.

Mr. Cayton

Pittsburgh Pa

This is a fine example for the rest of the world, my friends. I'm not much on sports, but I always go to the newsreel and there I saw most of the events. There wasn't any doubt that Negro athletes did more than their share to help America win the Olympic honors. And I listened to the commentators, too. They got off a whole lot of palaver about the Olympics being so important in breaking down national frictions and tensions and getting us closer to the brotherhood of man. It sure didn't in Georgia, or at least in Albany, Ga.

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MANY PEOPLE in the United States got hot and bothered when Hitler left the stands rather than greet Jesse Owens some years ago. That was nazism. The American papers played it strong and many said that this type of racial doctrine epitomized in the Nazi state couldn't exist side by side with a real democracy like the United States. Sure, Germany was a sick nation and she took her sickness to the extent of killing about six million out of the nine million Jews in Europe. But it strikes me that we are a little sick ourselves.

Here we are mobilizing an Army to fight for democracy and can't even pay due respect to a young woman who played no little part in helping the United States win the Olympics. If you've got a penny post card, hanging around handy, I wish you would write me and tell me what the difference is between Hitler's performance and that of Mr. Mayor James W. (Taxi) Smith of Georgia.

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BUT TO BE FAIR to the American people there was a slight difference. When the Negroes ran away with most of the honors under the Hitler regime the German press said that it wasn't fair for Negroes to compete against whites, that Negroes were sort of sub-human and it was just like introducing an antelope or a deer into some competitive sport with a blonde nordic.

So far I haven't heard that argument advanced in this case, but then I don't get the Albany, Ga., papers, so I wouldn't know.

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ALICE SAYS she isn't going to jump again, that this is her last Olympic performance. From the story, I couldn't tell whether it's because of the indignities that were heaped upon her or maybe for personal reasons. But I hope it's the first and I hope she will make a blasting statement. I hope she doesn't take it lying down. If she's going to quit she should let the world know that she was humiliated and didn't like it.

Sat 9-18-48

Just the other day I picked up a story about the survivors of the Custer "Massacre." Somebody got together six of the old Sioux Indians who fought Custer to have a little reunion about the slaughtering. Everything went off well and I guess they had barbecue and plenty of beer. Then one old Indian got up and said words to this effect (I'm paraphrasing him because I don't know how Indians really talk, but these sure were his ideas): "Now don't get me wrong. We're back here for this barbecue, but you people have got the best go because there are more of you and you killed us all off. We didn't like your coming over taking our land and it wasn't a massacre, it was a war for survival. If I had enough braves left now I would declare war again."

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I'M NOT for declaring war against the white people—I'm for everybody's getting together and having a democracy. I think we can do it a little better now and not have "massacres," but I do hope that if Alice has any spunk and if she's going to resign from the Olympics she will get up and sound off like this old Indian chief. If this is all the democracy we can get for a colored girl who represented her country abroad in a contest which was supposed to develop the brotherhood of man, I think it's about time to throw in the sponge and give the country back to that old Sioux. He would probably do a better job of running it anyway.

Courier

BUT, THIS ISN'T THE MAYOR—Segregation reigned supreme at the "reception" given for Miss Alice Coachman, Olympic star, in her hometown of Albany, Ga. Platform guests were segregated and so was the audience. The Mayor departed hastily without shaking hands or extending greetings to Miss Coachman, who wasn't even asked to speak. Here, however, N. L. Hart, a member of the Mayor's platform party, shakes hands with her. It was a heck of a hometown reception for the girl who broke the Olympic high jump record.—Bowens Photo.

Reporter Scribes Career Story Of Miss Coachman

Daily World
Sat 9-25-48

BY RUBYE WEAVER ARNOLD

"An aspiring athlete should stick to training and remember that a champion is not made in a day, a week or a year, but some years. . . . for me it took ten years."

This was the formula for athletic success given by Miss Alice Coachman, Georgia's pride and Albany's gift to the sports world, in an interview Thursday evening at the Butler Street YMCA, where she was honored with a reception.

The Olympic winner is a typical, soft-suoken, starry-eyed, vivacious co-ed, gracious in manners and the possessor of a most charming effervescent smile. Seemingly, national and international fame has not affected her, for her responses came natural and spontaneous, just like those of any other 20th Century collegian.

Even though she looks and acts like a regular co-ed, she is decidedly different, for in ten short years she has effloresced into the sports limelight, winning honors for her family, her school, her race, and her nation. Her prowess has won for her a new niche on the athletic horizon. Her wide collection of trophies and medals will inspire unborn generations to higher heights of achievements.

RAN SECRETLY

This fleet-footed femme's career started during her adolescence. Most of her running was done secretly, for her parents scolded her for running so much. Yet she liked it, and kept training for the day when she would be acclaimed by nations.

Her first victory was at Waterbury Conn., in '39, when she won the 5 ft. high jump. This gave her new confidence and assurance and she decided then that she wanted to always "come in first."

The greatest thrill in her athletic career came in '45 when she won over Stella Walsh of Harrisburg, Pa., she remarked enthusiastically. The pomp and glory of this event, together with the self-satisfaction that it gave her, made the event most memorable.

Like most students, her vocation has been constantly changing in her mind. She was once interested in music, dramatics and dancing. Music and dramatics were first loves and she once entertained ideas of making a career in these fields. Her experiences in school with plays and the choir attracted her and increased her interest in these arts.

PHYSICAL ED TEACHER

Miss Coachman is a Home Economics major and stated that she felt that her training would always be practical. She wants to teach Physical Education after graduation. She plans to take special training after she completes her college work.

This agile Atlanta has three hobbies, music, dancing and sports.

Her face lighted up when she spoke about completing her registration and her boarding on the campus this year. She will be matriculating at Albany State again and will be classified as a "Proud Senior."

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She has no favorite political candidate and voiced her optimistic philosophy of life with certainty when she said:

"I always try to make the best of every situation and try to adjust myself accordingly."

CAREER VERSUS MARRIAGE

On career versus marriage she opined that the two could be harmoniously blended. She remarked further that she would give up athletics after she takes her vows. There was no doubt about her beliefs in the emancipation of women.

Quite an amusing discussion ensued, when she revealed that she was not a soror in the presence of two AKA's and a lone Delta. She stated further that most of her friends were AKA's and she had always been inclined toward them. The conversation ended with the Delta trying to find another soror, who could help her with 'sales talk.'

Women in general, and Negro women in particular should find great inspiration from this famous celebrity.

WELCOME
ALICE AN
Olym ion

GREETS MISS COACHMAN — Mrs. Geneva Haugabrooks, reception chairman, is shown greeting Miss Alice Coachman, **Olympic** champion, at the warm **reception** given her at the YMCA on Thursday evening.

Miss Coachman Greeted By Women Contingents

Daily World
Sat 9-25-48

By **OZEIL F. WOOLCOCK**

Alice Coachman, celebrated Olympic star, who won international fame and brought back glory to her state, Georgia, was given a very warm reception on Thursday evening at the YMCA with more than a hundred Atlantans on hand to give her the first welcome to Atlanta.

When the star entered with Dr. Aaron Brown, president of Albany State college, she was ushered to a strategic spot in the banquet hall facing a most beauttifully decorated table festooned with fernery and pink roses centered with a vase of chrysanthemum. The table was flanked with tall stands of gladioli. In the background of the star's seat was a pennant of welcome placed between flags.

Accompanying the champion and sharing honors were Mable **Walker**, Theresa Manuel and Nellie **Jackson**, all of whom participated in the Olympics.

The reception committee included Mrs. Geneva Haugabrooks, chairman; J. H. Calhoun, assistant; Mrs. L. D. Shivery, Mrs. D. **Alexander**, Mrs. William Holmes Borders. Floating hostesses included Mrs. W. A. Scott, Mrs. Arthur Standard, Mrs. Eugene Edwards, Mrs. Ruby Blackburn, Mrs. Frances Fouch. Mrs. Ethel Cochran, Mrs. Lillie Manuel, Mrs. Rosa Askew, Mrs. Laura Stovall, Mrs. Sophia Lovelace, Mrs. Bessie Rounsville; Misses Georgia Blackburn, Yvonne Latten.

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Miss Coachman was presented a corsage of purple orchids by Mrs. Haugabrooks, which was pinned by Mrs. Blackburn.

"My Camera and Me"

By Frank Freeman

ALICE (IN WONDERLAND) COACHMAN

The Herald

It certainly must have been a wonderland of dream to Alice Coachman, Albany State College Olympic gold medal winner, when she arrived back home in Albany Ga. last Wednesday afternoon. Then Thousand people lined the streets of her home town to welcome Alice back home. At a point that started the city limits a line of floats, cars, and bands stretched for one mile awaiting the arrival of their favorite child. Cars were identified with bunting and markers from Cario, Cordele, Columbus, Moultrie, Pelham, Sylvester, and Waycross Georgia. Local clubs presenting floats were Colonial Dames, Criterion Club, Entre Nouns, Semper Fields, Utilis Matronae, County Teachers and the Yocth Club. Marching Units were Boys and Girls Scouts, American Legion, Albany and Macon, Ga. Booker T. Washington High School Band, Atlanta, Ga. Colleges represented were Fort Valley State College, Georgia State College, Greek letter organizations were Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. Local business represented were Atlanta Life Ins. Co., Elliott Funeral Home, Poteat Funeral Home, and Miller and Son Dry Cleaners. This carvan of beautiful floats and decorated automobiles assembled in one line awaiting Alice to arrive, from the train in Atlanta where Alice Coachman arrived from New York the citizens there held a short reception in the station. Dr. Brown President of Albany State College then started Alice on a tour of fifteen minutes receptions of welcome at Macon, Ga., and Fort Valley where a motorcade formed by citizens from Atlanta, Fort Valley and Macon [illegible] a ride to Albany, Ga., where this mile long parade stood eagerly awaiting Alice Coachman. Sirens blasting from the Ga. State Patrol Cars which escorted the Alice Coachman motorcade, gave us the signal Alice was arriving Cameras were placed in readiness. Newsmen were there representing every Negro paper in Georgia. Life Magazine and News-Reel stood by to ecord on kodabromide the arrival of Albany's favorite girl. A heart touching scene to every hard boil news hound was the moment Alice Coachman "The World's Champion Olympic Star and Gold Medal Winner" arrived her first words were "Where is my Mother" then a dash that broke all recods she went to the ams of her mother who stood there weeping with joy because Alice was her daughter, holding her mother in her arms with consoling words while Mrs. Coachman cried on her daughter's shoulders was enough to convince me she was a real champion. The camera men had a field day on this first scene, Flash Bulbs blasted from every angle as she consoled her mother while ten thousand people waited to get a glimpse of our Alice. (As she is referred to at Albany State College). The band played as Alice was escorted to her throne that was beautifully decorated in white bunting and pretty girls at attendants with a throne mounted for Alice while she held the torch of victory as the Romans hailed their victors after the original Olympic meets. The parade marched up and down the street of Albany while the city police had every intersection of the streets of march blocked as Alice and her parade went by. Comparing the two cities the scene reminded me of the welcome for Col. Charles Lindberg in New York. White and colored citizens lined the streets and every window, smiling and waving welcome to their Alice as she approached the city auditorium where Mayor James W. Smith and fifteen hundred people waited to give Alice the official welcome from Alanby. After the Mayor gave the official address of welcome a short talk was given by Dr. Aaron Brook, president of Albany State College, music was furnished by the Booker T. Washington High School Band, Graham Jackson, Nationally famous entertainer played the accordion and a special number dedicated to Alice (Body and Soul) James H. Gray editor of the Albany Herald acted as Master of Ceremonies. The Mayor and prominent citizens white and colored were platform guest during the welcome program at the auditorium. A reception was held Wednesday night at the College for Miss Coachman and her guests. A day like that must make Alice in wonderland a beautiful story to Alice in Albany, Georgia.

Thurs 9-9-48

Savannah Ga

Thurs 9-9-48

GIVES CAREER STORY—Miss Alice Coachman (left), is shown as she pours forth the struggles and bright spots of her athletic career to Reporter Rubye Weaver Arnold of the World. The interview took place prior to half-time ceremonies in her honor during the Morris Brown-Alabama State football game at Herndon Stadium.

Wild Throng Welcomes Alice Coachman Home

Afro American

Sat 9-11-

Baltimore, Md.

ALBANY, Ga.—(NNPA)—A record throng roared a thunderous welcome Wednesday to Miss Alice Coachman, a student at Albany State College and a 1948 Olympic chmapion, who jumped to international fame when she cleared the high jump bar in a new record leap of 5 feet 6½ inches in London's Wombly Stadium, as a motorcade escorted her from Atlanta to her home.

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The appearance of the motorcade brought thunderous ovations, whistles, cheers and lusty whoops from throngs of spectators who lined the main thoroughfare of Griffin, Forsyth, Macon, Montezuma, and Americus, as the Olympic champion moved toward Albany where a celebration of her victory was shaping up.

When the "Alice Coachman Olympic Motorcad" reached the city limits of Albany, her native home, a crowd of several thousand citizens of every racial strain, which had been milling about in anxiety quickly lost their individual identity in a mass demonstration, welcoming the return of the conquering heroine in manner never before witnessed in the Southwest Georgia town.

Met by Mayor

The traffic-stopping parade, with floats representing all civic and fraternal organizations, moved slowly from the city limits where she was met by the mayor of Albany, honorary chairman of the "Alice Coachman Day" committee, and climaxed at the Municipal Auditorium, where another big demontration was already in progress.

At the auditorium Albany's citizens packed themselves in like sardines and occupied every inch of seating and standing room space to pay tribute to the colored Georgia track champion, the only Georgia athlete among more than 5,000 athletes from 58 nations participating in the 14th Olympiad at London, and the only woman winner on the United States women's track and field team.

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Several thousand spectators stood outside the spacious City Auditorium, remotely participating in the history-making celebration which attracted press representatives from hundreds of newspapers and photographers from Time. Life, Loo kand Fox Movietonews reel agency.

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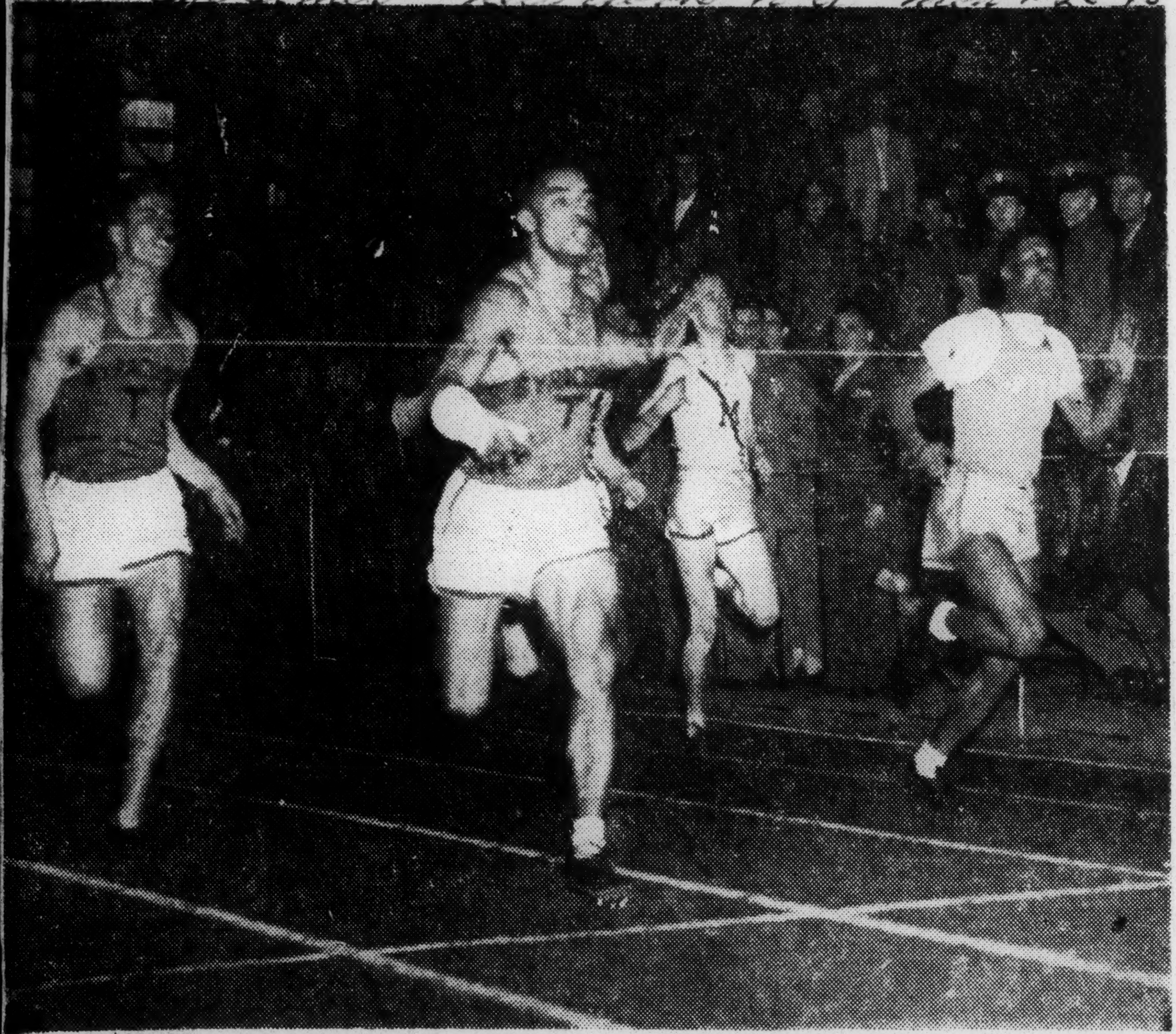
CAPTURING EVENT IN THE WEST POINT RELAYS

The Times New York N.Y. Mon. 1-26-48



Stan Beckett (second from left) of Syracuse, running with an injured arm, winning the 60-yard dash during the meet held at the Military Academy on Saturday. Left to right: Richard Neubauer, Syracuse; Beckett; Edward Dunne, Manhattan, and Herbert Douglas, Pittsburgh.

Associated Press

The Times New York N.Y. Mon. 1-26-48

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Finish Is Duplicated

The Times

Harrison Dillard, Baldwin-Wallace's national indoor and outdoor champion, scored his second triumph in as many nights in the 45-yard high hurdles. Skipping over the short course's three barriers in flawless style, Dillard hit the tape four feet in front of Ed Dugger, with Bill Mitchell third in a duplication of last night's finish at Philadelphia. New York, N.Y. Sun. 1-25-48

The timers clocked the speedy Midwesterner in 0:05.6, which equaled the meet record he set last year. Norbert Badar, another Baldwin-Wallace entry, was fourth. 1-25-48

The Times New York N.Y. 1-25-48

Sun. 1-25-48

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Harrison Dillard, hurdler

Associated Press

Dillard and Conwell Face Topnotch Field

Daily Worker

New York, N.Y. Thurs 2-19-48

The great Harrison Dillard and Eddie Conwell will head the hurdles and sprint fields which shape up better than any previous indoor card at the National AAU Garden games this Saturday night.

What a line-up this is Conwell, Ewell and Carey were close 1-2-3 in a meet and world-record equaling 6.1 seconds last year. Mathis won the 1947 National A. A. U. Outdoor 100 meter title, with Ewell second, Conwell third, Houden fourth and Carey sixth. Wright was runner-up for the National A. A. U. junior 100 meter crown. Cianciabella holds all the IC4A titles, indoors and out. McKenzie, Jamaica's champion, beat Carey in 1946. Jones is a crack newcomer. Thompson, three time former champion, is progressing well on a comeback. Thurs. 2-19-48

Daily Worker

Dillard, who has swept all the major hurdling titles, indoors and out, high and low, for the past two years stands out, of course, in the timbertopping test. However, the Baldwin Wallace Olympic prize can't afford any wrong moves against Saturday night's opposition. In line to lead other of the eight first-round heats are Ed Dugger, Dayton A. C., 1944-45-46 champion and second last year; Floyd Simmons of North Carolina who was outdoor runnerup; in addition to Tom Garland, Warren Hallburton, Norbert Badar, Bob Snoddy (Spec Town's protege).

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in: 07.5, and Lillian Young of Forresville playground, Chicago, ran second in the 50 yard dash.

Jim Holland ran the first leg of a university one mile relay squad for a winning Northwestern term. Phillips high of Chicago was second in the city high school relay.

tag Louis Walcott Fight

Harrison Dillard Sets Indoor Track Record

Atlanta Daily World - Atlanta, Ga.

Sat. 4-3-48

CHICAGO — (ANP) — In winning his 49th straight hurdles race, Harrison Dillard of Baldwin-Wallace broke record Saturday night in the Chicago relays. He set a new American mark of 7.1 seconds in the indoor 60 yard high hurdles.

Acclaimed the world's greatest hurdler and a sure American Olympic starter, Dillard beat the man who last defeated him, Bill Porter of Northwestern, by six inches. Both he and Porter had tied the old mark of 7.2 he held jointly with Fred Walcott, in the trials.

Dillard came from behind to win one of his most exciting victories as 17,500 spectators cheered. This race also included Big Nine champion Lloyd Duff and Ed Dugger.

Bill Mathis tied a record held by him and several others by winning the 50 yard dash in 5.2 Fred Johnson of Michigan State was third.

Jamican ace Herb McKenley and Dave Bolen brushed elbows during the 600 yard run to slow each other down. McKenley ended third after a fast finish, and Bolen failed to place. Phil Tigpen of Seton Hall also lost in the 1,000 to Jack Dianetti of Michigan State. Sat 4-3-48

In the women's events, Bernice Robinson of Washington Park, Chicago, won the 50 meter hurdles

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TRACK:

In Jesse's Footsteps

Newsweek - N.Y., N.Y.

Among the Negro kids around the Woodland Avenue and East 55th Street playgrounds in Cleveland, in 1938, Jesse Owens was one of the world's truly great men. It wasn't merely because of the three-title show the Negro track star had put on during the 1936 Olympics in Berlin. He had grown up in the kids' neighborhood, and he was constantly coming around to encourage them with his attention and advice. Mon. 2-2-48

To one of them, 13-year-old Harrison (Bones) Dillard, Owens gave a pair of track shoes and a suggestion. Dillard thought he was a sprinter; Owens urged him to try the hurdles.

Last year Dillard—by this time quiet, slenderly clothes-conscious, and pencil-mustached—was indisputably the world's outstanding hurdler. As hurdlers go he wasn't big (5 feet, 10 inches), but the stride he had developed under Coach Eddie Finnigan at Baldwin-Wallace College averaged 13 feet from take-off to landing—2 feet more than longer-legged performers achieve.

Records: In 76 individual starts in the United States and Europe in 1947, Dillard scored 75 firsts. In the Chicago Relays alone he equaled three world high-hurdle records: 5 seconds flat for 40 yards, 6.1 for 50 yards, and 7.2 for 60 yards. In the National Collegiate championships at Salt Lake City he ran the 220-yard low hurdles in 22.3 seconds, a new world mark. In Norway he did the 110-meter high hurdles in 13.9, beating the Olympic record of 14.2. To back up his conviction that he is more than a hurdler, he sprinted 100 meters in 10.3, equaling the best time in the Olympic book.

Last week, Dillard began his newest and most important campaign. At Philadelphia on Jan. 23 he won the 50-yard high hurdles with a clocklike efficiency that indicated he was quite ready: In each of the event's three heats, Dillard was clocked at 6.4. In Boston the next night he won the 45-yard high hurdles in 5.6, tying his own meet record.

The main idea of the new campaign sounded like something he might have picked up around a playground: "In the Olympic games in London next summer, I want to clean up the way Jesse Owens did in Berlin."

¶ At Oxford, Ohio, Negro Harrison Dillard set a new kind of record by winning his 67th consecutive race in collegiate competition. The old record-holder for consecutive triumphs: Notre Dame's once great two-miler, Greg Rice. 5-24-48

Times Chicago, Ill.

Dillard Named As Trackman Of the Year

PM

New York, N.Y.

Tues. 4-13-48

Harrison Dillard, national hurdles champion from Baldwin-Wallace College, was named the outstanding performer of the past indoor track and field season yesterday by the New York Track Writers Assn.

Dillard, winner of 54 straight races in less than a year, will be given a trophy similar to that presented to five other athletes since the award was inaugurated in 1941.

Only track man to appear without defeat in all the major Eastern meets, the Baldwin-Wallace star was the unanimous choice of the group. There were no other nominations.

Dodds Not Considered

Gil Dodds, the Boston Athletic Assn.'s premier miler who has not been defeated in five years, was not considered for the award he won in both 1947 and 1944, having been sidelined by mumps after lowering his own world indoor mile record to 4:05.3 early in the season. PM

Dodds, Dillard and Chuck Fonville, Michigan's crack weight man, were the only track stars to complete the indoor season without defeat. New York, N.Y.

Dillard, co-holder of the world indoor 60-year high hurdles record of 7.2 seconds, was last defeated by Northwestern's Bill Porter in the 220-yard low hurdles at Los Angeles, May 22, 1947. His string of 54 consecutive triumphs includes several flat races he won while competing in Europe last Summer. Tues

Dillard holds the national AAU 110 and 200 meter outdoor hurdles titles as well as the 60-yard indoor championship. 4-13-48

Previous winners of the writers' award, in addition to Dodds, were Greg Rice in 1941 and 1943, Leslie MacMitchell in 1942, Jimmy Rafferty in 1945 and Fred Sickinger in 1946.

Dillard's Record Streak Now at 70

Daily Worker

New York, N.Y.

Harrison Dillard, Baldwin-Wallace's potential Olympic contender, set a new record for consecutive track victories with 70, when the great Negro star won the 100-yard dash in 9.8, topped the field in the 120-yard high hurdles in 14.4 and crowned his day with a 23.2 triumph in the 220-yar low hurdle at Ohio Saturday. Mon

Dillard surpassed by five the old record of 65 consecutive track victories held by Greg Rice of Notre Dame. It was exactly a year ago today since Dillard lost a track event. 5-24-48

Dillard Runs String To 67, New Record

The Times

By The Associated Press.

OXFORD, Ohio, May 15—Harrison Dillard, great Negro sprinter and hurdler for Baldwin-Wallace, ran his victory chain to 67 in a row today to set a world record for consecutive triumphs in collegiate competition. New York, N.Y.

The old mark of 65 was set by Greg Rice, University of Notre Dame middle and distance runner, between 1941 and June 29, 1943. Sun 5-16-48

Dillard smashed three stadium marks in winning the 220-yard low hurdles, the 120-yard high hurdles and the 100-yard dash in a dual meet between his college and Miami University.

He won the dash event in 0:09.8. The stadium record was 0:09.9. Dillard cleared the high hurdles in 0:14.4, shattering the old mark of 0:15.1. He coasted to victory in the 220 low hurdles in 0:23.9, breaking the old mark of 0:24.1.

Baldwin-Wallace was defeated by Miami in the meet, 70 to 52.

Rice's chain was broken at 65 by Gunder Haegg, Swedish star, in the 1943 National A. A. U. 5,000-meter run in New York.

Dillard Can See Nobody But Dillard in Hurdles

Star New York N.Y.

Fri. 7-2-48

CLEVELAND, July 1 (AP)—America will win at least one Olympic title at London this Summer, if Harrison Dillard is as classy at forecasting as he is at hurdling.

"I'm going to win those high hurdles in London," the Baldwin Wallace College ace said at a testimonial dinner in his honor.

"I don't want you to feel I'm boasting," the modest Negro star told the pre-Olympics gathering, "but that is the best way I can repay you for all you've done for me tonight."

Dillard, the first track star to hold all outdoor and indoor American crowns at one time, had ample grounds for his olympics prediction.

Record Smasher

He has cracked the accepted marks for both the 110-yard high hurdles and the 220-yard low barriers while gliding to a new record of 80 straight triumphs during the last two years of track competition. He smashed the former consecutive victory streak of 65 set by Notre Dame's Greg Rice in a dual meet at Oxford, O.

Harrison clipped the American mark for the 220-yard lows in his final appearance at Baldwin Wallace Stadium Saturday with a 22.4 seconds performance. He shares the accepted record of 22.5 with Fred Wolcott of Rice Institute and has hurdled the distance in the all-time low time of 22.3 seconds.

'Greatest Ever' Star

The Baldwin Wallace senior was termed the "greatest performer who has ever participated in track" by his coach, Eddie Finnigan. New York, N.Y.

"It is his will to win against any type of competition that makes him the finest competitor I have ever coached—or seen," Finnigan said. He seconded Dillard's motion that he should win the high stick title in the Olympics. Fri.

Mayor Thomas A. Burke congratulated Dillard described him as "truly a champion in every sense of the word." 7-2-48

Harrison was given a sendoff to the Olympic Trials with several presents from the assembled guests.

Dillard Ruled Ineligible By NCAA

Daily World

Atlanta, Ga.

Tues. 6-22-48

MINEAPOLIS, Minn.— (SNS) —Harrison Dillard, barred from the National Collegiate Athletic Association track and field meet here last week, has trained his eyes upon the Amateur Athletic Union Meet in Milwaukee, July 2 and 3 to qualify for a position on the United States Olympic team.

This became certain after the disclosure that Dillard had competed in more than three "varsity years" in violation of Association rules. Also declared ineligible was Bob Likens of San Diego State.

The announcement of Dillard and Likens' disqualification was made by Prof. Hugh Willett, chairman of the NCAA eligibility committee and member of the University of Southern California faculty. Tues.

Willett, in explaining the eligibility committee's ruling, said Dillard competed in 1942 as a freshman. On May 10, 1943, Dillard was inducted into the Army. 6-22-48

Willett said Dillard's command- to Baldwin-Wallace in 1943 to coming officer permitted him to return pete in a Conference meet. That, Willett added, constituted a season under NCAA regulations. The hurdles star also competed in 1946 and

The NCAA ruling has no bearing on Dillard's competition in his own conference and at his own school, Willett said, adding that the edict carries no reflection on Dillard or his school.

Dillard Loses Twice in AAU National Meet

The Constitution

Atlanta, Ga.

MILWAUKEE, July 3—(AP)—Old reliables of American track teamed up with youngsters today in an impressive show of Olympic talent at the 60th annual Amateur Athletic Union track championships. Sun. 7-4-48

The big surprise was the double defeat of Harrison Dillard of Baldwin-Wallace College after 82 consecutive victories, the longest string ever achieved. Barney Ewell nosed him out by six inches in the 100-meter dash in :10.6, and Roy Porter of Northwestern won by two yards in the 100-meter high hurdles, Dillard's specialty, in :14.1.

Two world records were bettered in the meet that drew 510 athletes. Herb McKenley of Jamaica yesterday in a trial heat made the sensational time of :45.9 in the 400 meters, one tenth under a standard considered superhuman. The Constitution

Today in the 56-pound weight, an event rarely contested and not on the Olympic program, Henry Dreyer of the New York Athletic Club wound out the massive globe 41 feet 2⅝ inches. The world record is held by the legendary Matt McGrath at 40 feet 6⅜ inches, set in 1911. Atlanta, Ga.

Gil Dodds, the Flying Parson who was laid loy by mumps during the winter, came back convincingly to take the 1,500 meters in 3:52.1 despite the flying finish of Roland Sink of Southern California. Sink cut down Dodds' margin from a terrific 40 yards to a scant four at the finish. 7-4-48

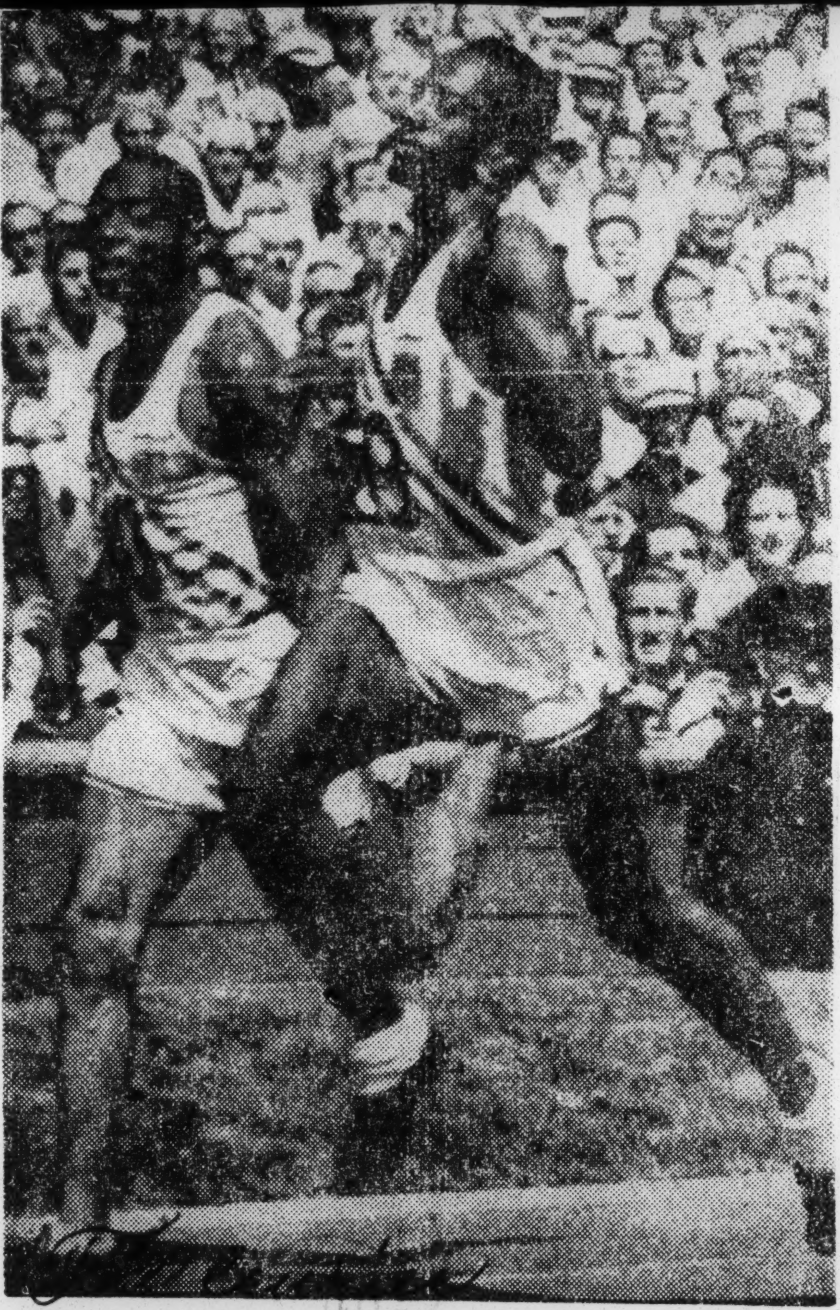
Dillard Shatters World's Record In Low Hurdles

Herald Tribune

New York, N.Y.

BEREA, Ohio, June 26 (AP).—Harrison Dillard, in his farewell appearance as a college runner at Baldwin-Wallace, today bettered the world record in the 220-yard low hurdles for the second time in his career. Competing in the Northeastern Ohio district A. A. U. meet, he was timed in 22.4 seconds. That bettered by one-tenth of a second the accepted world standard he shares with Fred Wolcott, of Rice Institute. 6-27-48

Dillard turned in a 22.3 clocking in the National collegiates at Salt Lake City last summer.



JUST A BREEZE!—Harrison Dillard is shown breasting the tape inches ahead of his arch rival, Barney Ewell, in the 100-meter run in London. This race was the semi-final and it shows that Dillard's win in the final was no fluke. Dillard, who supposedly went to the Olympics for the ride, after he was eliminated in his specialty, the hurdles, has proved to be the surprise sensation in the games.—INT News Photo.

Sat. 8-7-48

Pittsburgh Pa.

Dillard Paces International Victory For US

Columbia Record

Wed. 8-25-48

Columbia S.C.

MALMOE, Sweden, Aug. 25—(UP)—Harrison Dillard, the dusky dash man from Cleveland, O., was the toast of this track-conscious country today but there was more than enough praise for other members of the touring group of U. S. Olympic track and field stars.

Dillard, winning the 100-meter dash and the 110-meter high hurdles as well as running a leg on a record-tying 1,000 meter medley relay, was the star of stars as the Americans dominated an international meet last night.

In both the dash and the hurdles race, the Baldwin Wallace college star had Craig Dixon of U.C.L.A. as runner-up. On the relay he joined with Dixon, Barney Ewell of Lancaster, Pa., and Dave Bolen of Boulder, Colo., to equal the world's record of 1:52.8. Dillard, incidentally, was also a member of the U. S. team that originally set the mark at Oslo, Norway, last year.

Wed. 8-25-48

Ineligible for Big Meet.

Free Press Detroit, Mich
Thurs. 6-17-48

Associated Press Wirephoto

HARRISON DILLARD, OF BALDWIN-WALLACE
Nation's top hurdler ruled ineligible for NCAA competition

DILLARD, LIKENS BANNED

NCAA Officials Bar Two Top Track Stars

Thurs. Free Press
Detroit, Mich 6-17-48

MINNEAPOLIS—(AP)—Two track and field stars will be missing from this year's National Collegiate Athletic Association's event here because their "years of eligibility" have run out.

The two are Harrison Dillard, of Baldwin-Wallace, holder of the unofficial mark in the 120-yard high hurdles, and Bob Likens, of San Jose State, defending NCAA champion in the javelin.

Prof. Hugh Willett, chairman of the NCAA eligibility committee, announced the ruling on Dillard.

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DILLARD COMPETED in several meets in 1942 at Baldwin-Wallace, Willett said, and this is counted as a year of eligibility for NCAA competition, even though he did not participate in that year's meet. 6-17-48

Dillard, after his discharge from the service, ran in the 1946 and 1947 NCAA meets. This, Willett said, concluded his eligibility.

In Likens' case, the situation was very similar, although not identical. Likens had competed during the year at Junior College, prior to his entering San Jose State, thus using up his eligibility after the 1947 meet.

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LIKENS DID not
year's NCAA event, set for
and Saturday at the University of Minnesota.

Press

Dillard's ineligibility thus forced a change in plans for his bid for a place on the United States Olympic squad. He will have to compete in the Amateur Athletic Union's track and field championships in Milwaukee July 2 and 3 to win a place in the final olympic tryouts later at Northwestern University.

Detroit, Mich

Dillard and his coach, Eddie Finnegan, showed up at Minnesota's Memorial Stadium, during the running of the northwest AAU open meet. Both were emphatic that the speedy Negro would enter the AAU meet.

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DILLARD had little to say about the ruling. Finnegan said he was "disappointed, naturally, that Harrison won't be able to compete in the NCAA event."

Finnegan said he planned no protest. Thurs. 6-17-48

"We don't plan any argument," he said. "I have every confidence in the men running the NCAA and if they say he's ineligible then he's ineligible. After all, you've got to have rules and stick by them."

The Baldwin-Wallace coach said because Dillard will have to compete in the AAU events, Dillard will not run in the 100 meter event.

It would be too much of a strain to run the low and high hurdle events and the 100-meter, Finnegan said, adding that he preferred to have Dillard run in the hurdles.

Harrison Dillard Sets World Hurdles Mark

Daily World

OXFORD, O. — (ANP) — That man, Harrison Dillard of Baldwin-Wallace, has done it again. Saturday, the intrepid sprinter and hurdler who is the U. S. main hope in the Olympics hurdles event, ran his string of victories to 67 in a row, thus downing a mark established by Greg Rice, University of Notre Dame middle and distance runner between 1941 and June 29, 1943. Atlanta, Ga.

Competing in a dual meet between his college and Miami University, Dillard smashed three stadium marks by winning the 220 yard low hurdles the 120 yard high hurdles and the 100 yard dash. Despite his brilliant performance, however, Baldwin-Wallace lost to Miami 70-52. Wed 5-19-48

MINNESOTA'S ACE TOSSES DISCUS 165-5

Des Moines Iowa
The Saturday Register
Sat. 4-24-48

Dillard Paces Team to 1:26.6 Half.

The Register

By Bert McGrane.

Harrison Dillard, the wingless flyer from Baldwin-Wallace college, gave a fair imitation of the roaring speed of a rocket bomb here Friday as the Drake Relays opened with a series of excellent achievement.

The brilliant Negro, who bettered the world record in the high hurdles a week ago, let go with a flash of smoking speed on the anchor lap of the college half mile relay to help smash one of the two major records to fall in the opening assault. 4-24-48

The second mark crashed before the mighty arm of Fortune Gordien of Minnesota, one of America's foremost Olympic candidates in the discus throw.

The whirling Gopher sailed the plate 165 feet 5 inches to erase the old 161.45 mark set seven years ago by the late Al Blozis of Georgetown.

Dillard's relay contribution was one of the day's great performances. Des Moines, Iowa

5 Yards Back at Start.

The Berea bullet came out of the pack on the far side of the track, trailing by five yards as he took the baton. He scorched the track in pursuit of Fred Sims, Los Angeles City college sprinter who was in the lead, pulled abreast of Sims at the head of the stretch and thundered on to win by three yards.

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The timers, unofficially, caught Dillard in 20.7 seconds for his 220 yards of the race. Baldwin-Wallace won in 1:26.6, displacing the record of 1:27 set by the same school a year ago. 4-24-48

There were no poor performances in other major events which were decided Friday and preliminary efforts in today's big number hinted at another bristling program. The Register

Drake Sophomore Wins.

Drake's Jerry Jefchak, a sophomore who never had run the two-mile race as a collegian, emerged as one of the day's heroes when he met the challenge of better known runners in the long run and raced to a surprising triumph.

Up to now the Bulldog had been a half-miler and miler, although he had run the two-mile distance in cross-country competition. He was only another guy in the huge field of 38 men entered in the race. 4-24-48

And Jefchak still was just another gent back there in the pack through the first mile. On the sixth lap he moved up to third place, behind Dick Kilty, the Big Nine indoor champion, and Vic Twomey, of Illinois.

Des Moines, Iowa
The Register

Almost Collapses.

Jefchak stepped up his pace on the seventh lap, moving in just a stride behind Kilty as they started the gun lap. He sped ahead on the back-stretch and pulled to the front. He widened

user explained, "so I'm only running in the shuttle relays and anchor in the 440.

"Sure would like to be running against Dillard though."

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Jerry Jefchak, Drake's winning two-miler wasn't even listed in the Drake information book as a leading contender, although 10 names were included. After his finish he fell upon the shoulders of Fred Feiler, former Drake distance great. The Register

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Allen Lawler, who runs a leg on the Texas 440-yard relay team, is one of the few :09.5 century men who has no Olympic illusions.

"I'm supposed to get my degree in July and if I tried to qualify for the Olympics I'd miss out and pass up a good job," Lawler said.

Des Moines, Iowa

"I made the European tour last year, and besides that I'm not rounding into top shape following an appendectomy, so I don't think I'll be trying.

"Parker (Charlie) will and he should make it because he's running more relaxed this year."

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The junior high relay brought an innovation in track equipment, or lack of it. At least half of 20 runners entered were bare-footed, which prompted a performer from the deep south to remark:

"Guess they all don't wear shoes that young up noath."

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A Northwestern relay runner had TNT on the front of his jacket, something the other three men didn't have it. It wasn't symbolic of his athletic prowess, just meant track team—with Northwestern initial sandwiched in.

Courier Journal
Louisville, Ky.
Wed. 6-30-48

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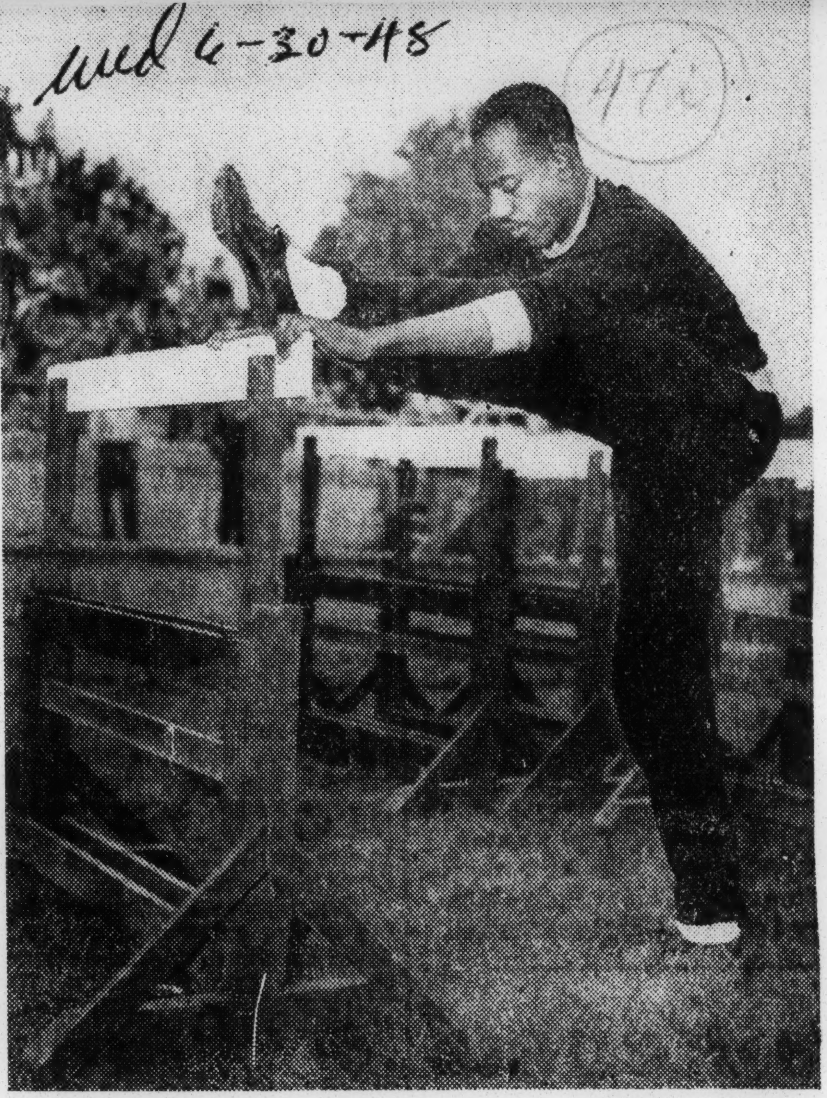

Wide World Photos.

THE NATION'S MOST OUTSTANDING HURDLER—Harrison Dillard, Baldwin-Wallace College, now has won 67 consecutive races. The new record breaks the former mark of 65 set by Greg Rice, former Notre Dame distance runner. Dillard, a certain Olympic competitor for the United States, is shown practicing for his specialty—the 120-yard high hurdles.

Dillard Cracks Mark In Collegiate Finale

The California Eagle
Thurs 7-1-48

BEREA, Ohio—Equaling the recognized world's record for the 220 yard low hurdles and stepping over the 120 yard high hurdles in 13.9 seconds. Harrison Dillard, the smooth running five foot nine inch Negro, hurdler who came to Baldwin Wallace College as a virtually unknown athlete three years ago, wound up his collegiate career in a blaze of glory here Saturday afternoon in the District AAU finals. Los Angeles, Calif.

The 22.4 established by Dillard is 1/10 of a second faster than the mark he holds jointly with Fred Wolcott of Rice. It is also 1/10 of a second slower than the 22.3 set by Dillard which is now up for worlds record consideration. The mark has already been given NCAA recognition.

The meet marked the last time Dillard, who virtually put the small Ohio college on the map, will wear its colors as a collegiate.

Dillard, easily recognized as the worlds greatest hurdler today, and perhaps the greatest of all times, will next appear in the AAU olympic semi-finals at Milwaulke, Wisconsin, this coming week end. 7-1-48

Ohio State News

DELAWARE, O.

Both Harrison Dillard and his Baldwin-Wallace College running mates extended their consecutive victories record on the track at Ohio Wesleyan last Saturday afternoon. Dillard added three more titles to his win streak to boost it to 73, helping Baldwin-Wallace win their fifth straight Ohio Conference track and field championship.

The Baldwin-Wallace runners romped off with nine of the 15 events and finished on top of second-place Wesleyan with a total of 64½ points. Wesleyan trailed by 24 points with 40¼. Kent State with 20 1/5, Denison with 15¼ and Oberlin with 15 1/5 rounded out the first five teams in the 45th annual running of the meet.

With Olympic-bound Harrison Dillard as the big drawing card the meet drew more than 5000 fans. The lithe hurdle's star put on the show that was expected of him by racing home an easy winner in the 100-yard dash, 120-yard and 220-yard hurdles. Running into a six-mile gale prevented Dillard's planned assault on the records. Sat. 6-5-48

Dillard's winning marks in the finals were far off his efforts in the 1947 meet, bui he had the consolation of having equalled or broken conference marks in all three of his events in the prelims last Friday. He raced across the finish line in the century in 9.7 seconds to equal his own conference mark which was set in 1946. He shattered his own conference mark of 14.3 seconds for the 120-yard high hurdles in 14 seconds flat and came back a few minutes later to set a new mark in the 220-yard low hurdles at 22.6 seconds, two-tenths of a second faster than the mark he set in 1946.

Despite his sensational performance Dillard had to share scoring honors with teammate Gunther Katzmar who was also a triple-winner. Quentin Brelsford, Ohio Wesleyan distance runner, was the only other runner to win more than one event. He breezed home first in both the mile and two-mile runs.

Charles Blackwell, Oberlin high jumper, was the only other Negro to win an event in the meet. He grabbed the high jump title at 5 ft., 11¾ ins.

Other point winners were: Neomiah Richardson, Akron, second in the 100-yard dash; Robert Hollis and William Moore of Wittenberg, third and fifth respectively in the 100-yard dash; Richardson, second in the 220-yard-dash.

Dillard Tops The Toppers In 6.4

Journal & Guide

Harrison Dillard of Baldwin-Wallace College, who topped the timber-toppers to win the 50-yard high hurdle event in the Inquirer track meet at Philadelphia last week in 6.4. Dillard breezed through the trials and turned on the steam to win the race with expected brilliance.

Dillard nosed out of 1947 Sullivan memorial award

Tribune, Los Angeles, Calif.
Sat. 1-3-48

NEW YORK—In the closest balloting in 18 years, world's outstanding oarsman John B. Kelley, Jr. nosed out world's greatest hurdler Harrison Dillard for the 1947 James E. Sullivan Memorial trophy, it was announced New Years Day.

In the nationwide polling of more than 600 sports experts, Kelley garnered 633 points to national champion Dillard's 608. Irving "Moon" Mondschien, three-time national decathalon champion, was third with 572. Points were awarded on the basis of five for first place votes, three for second, and one for third. 1-3-48

The Sullivan award is made annually to the "amateur athlete, who by performance, example, and good influence did the most to advance the cause of good sportsmanship during the year." It is considered the highest award in amateur sportsdom.

Jesse Owens was Dillard's boyhood idol, inspiration

Tribune Los Angeles Calif.
Sat. 5-8-48

Back in 1936 during the Olympic games at Berlin when Jesse Owens was giving some alltime records and Der Fuhrer's ulcerated racial theories a good going over, at least one 12-year-old in the world thought he was the greatest guy ever. The idolator was a hometown kid named Harrison Dillard, who was growing up on the eastside of town, like Owens did, coddling the hope that someday he, too, would headline at the Olympics. 5-8-48

Now 24, Dillard is about to realize his 12-year-old dream, about to match Owens' greatest in degree, if not in quantity. Slim, dapper, and somewhat short (for hurdling), he is the world's premiere hurdler and about the only lead-pipe cinch for an Olympic gold medal. The best bet in the world in the future books.

No stylist in the classic sense of following to a T the prescribed form for getting over the hurdles, Dillard's greatest asset is his speed on the flats between them. Had he fancied flat race, he might have given Owens a run for the all-time honors. Last year overseas, he turned in the fastest time in the world for the year for the 100-meters, :10.3. Coaches, even his own, Baldwin-Wallace's Dick Finningan, admit he's more of a charger. "But he covers better than 13 feet everytime he takes a hurdle, compard to the average 11. Anyway, why change his style if he can set world's records this way?" 5-8-48

Last month at the NAAU championships, Dillard clipped a tenth of a second from Georgia's Spec Towns' official world record of :13.7 for the 120 highs. On and off during the past two years, he has equalled about every hurdle record on the books.

Shy, well-mannered, and studious, Dillard is majoring in business administration at Baldwin-Wallace.

Dillard Named "Trackman" Of Indoor Season

NEW YORK, April 12—Harrison Dillard, national hurdles champion from Baldwin-Wallace College, was named the outstanding performer of the past indoor track and field season Monday by th New York Track Writers Assn.

Dillard, winner of 54 straight races in less than a year, will be given a trophy similar to that presented to five other athletes since the award was inaugurated in 1941. Fri 4-16-48

Only track man to appear with out defeat in all the major Eastern meets, the Baldwin-Wallace star was the unanimous choice of the group. There were no other nominations.

Dodds Not Considered

Gil Dodds, the Boston Athletic Assn's premier miler who has not been defeated in five years, was not considered for the award he won in both 1947 and 1944, having been sidelined by mumps after lowering his own world indoor mile record to 4:05.3 early in the season. St Louis Mo

Dodds, Dillard and Chuck Fonville, Michigan's crack weight man, were the only track stars to complete the indoor season without defeat.

Dillard, co-holder of the world indoor 60-year high hurdles record of 7.2 seconds, was last defeated by Northwestern's Bill Porter in the 220-yard low hurdles at Los Angeles, May 22, 1947. His string of 54 consecutive triumphs includes several flat races he won while competing in Europe last Summer.

Dillard holds the national AAU 110 and 220 meter outdoor hurdles titles as well as the 60-yard indoor championship.

Previous winners of the writers' award, in addition to Dodds, were Greg Rice in 1941 and 1943, Leslie MacMitchell in 1942, Jimmy Rafferty in 1945 and Fred Sickinger in 1946.

Dillard Honored By Clevelanad City

CLEVELAND (NNPA) - Hariosn Dillard, the indomitable Baldwin-Wallace track ace who kept his promise to bring an Olympic championship back to Cleveland was honored by the city last Wednesday night at ceremonies preceding the Cleveland Indians-Detroit Tigers game at the Stadium.

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Samuel H. Doutsch was chairman of the special committe in charge of the program arranged to show Cleveland's esteem for the athlete who followed in Owens' footsteps.

Doutsch introduced Jack Slowser of the Cleveland Press who witnessed Dillard's thrilling victory. Clowser described the race at Londand and Then Dillard and Finnigan were presented their gifts by Mayor Thomas A. Burke.

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Others on the committee were Mark C. Schinner. superintendent of schools; Gordon Cobbledick of the Plain Dealer, Franklin Lewis of the Press, Ed Bang of the News, Charles Leob of the Cleveland Call and Post, Law Director Lee C. Howley, Floyd Rowe, co-ordinator of recreation of the Joint Recreation Board; DeHart Hubbard, first colored athlete to win an Olympic title, and Pat Young.

Baldwin-Wallace, Berea Chambers of Commerce and other goups are planning programs honoring Dillard.

Dillard Equals Hurdle Record Twice; 52nd Win

LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Harrison Dillard, Baldwin-Wallace crack hurdler, proved conclusively that he is boss of the timber-toppers, Saturday, twice running the 60-yard low hurdles in 6.8 seconds, tying the American indoor record he set last year, at the Purdue Relays. Sat 4-3-48

The victory was Dillard's 52nd straight hurdles victory, and left him undefeated since last May. He finished a yard in front of Garion Campbell of Michigan Normal in winning the final.

Earlier Fred Johnson, of Michigan State, also had a 6.8 second heat in the afternoon low hurdles eliminations, but Johnson ran behind Campbell and John Smith of Notre Dame in the night finals which Dillard captured.

Harrison Dillard Stands Alone As Top Man In Hurdles Events

Journal Guide

Tough Competition In Short Distance Events Evident As Number Of Prospects Is Listed

Sat 4-3-48

ington meet in January and is getting tougher to beat in spite of his advancing years. Louis Irons, University of Illinois, jumped 6 feet 4 inches; Garion Campbell of Michigan State Normal School also negotiated this same leap.

Norfolk Va.

Dillard Is Key Man Among Hurdlers

In hurdling, Harrison Dillard of Baldwin Wallace is in a class by himself. He held every hurdle record on the books in 1946 and 1947 and is well on the way to the same record for 1948. He broke six hurdle records ranging in distance from 45 yards through 220 yards during the 1947 season.

Edward Dugger, formerly of Tufts College, now with the Dayton AC, is a competitor for Dillard. George Walker, University of Illinois, who defeated Dillard once in the 200 yard low hurdles, is also to be considered. Then there are Fred Johnson of Michigan State and Garion Campbell of Michigan State Normal College.

Charles Fonville, University of Michigan, continues to amaze the sports world tossing the 16-pound shot. Six consecutives times, he has thrown the weight over 56 feet. Jack Torrence's outdoor record of 57 feet 1 inch is seriously threatened by this new-comer whose place on the Olympic squad is almost assured.

With this top flight array of competitors, Albritton will be the dean if he makes the squad. When he was competing 12 years ago in Berlin, most of the present performers were just beginning to pay attention to their surroundings.

Dillard Equals Record In "60" Low Qualifier

Journal Guide
Sat 4-3-48
Norfolk, Va.

LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Harrison Dillard, ace timbertopper of Baldwin-Wallace College, ran the 60 low hurdles in 6.8 to equal his relays record in the qualification rounds for the Purdue Relays here last Saturday. Fred Johnson of Michigan State equaled the American indoors record to qualify for the Purdue meet. Sat 4-3-48

Boasting a classy 51 straight victories. Dillard took Johnson's 0:07.0 timing on the qualifier as a direct challenge, and in his second, matched the figure.

In qualifying for the 60 high hurdles, Dillard did the course in 7.4. Johnson's time was best in the 60-yard dash with 6.3

Dillard Equals Drake Record In 120-High Hurdles

Chicago Defender
Chicago Illinois

DES MOINES, Iowa—Harrison-Dillard, Baldwin-Wallace College of Ohio, made it 55 straight wins in the hurdles by annexing the 120-highs in the 39th annual Drake relays here Saturday, April 24. Dillard, a sure shot to make the U. S. Olympic team, equaled his own meet record set a year ago. His time was 14.1 seconds. It was five seconds slower than his world record time at last week's Kansas relays where he did a 13.6. There was a six miles an hour wind blowing in his face. Sat 5-1-48

Washington ran number two and Mel Whitfield anchored the Ohio State University's winning two mile college relay.

Marion "Jap" Jones, Wiley college failed to survive the trials in the 400-yards hurdle trails.

Jim Holland, Northwestern, placed fifth in the broad jump. Texas College of Tyler, Texas, pulled a surprise, the Negro team placing second i nthe college sprint medley relay.

The University of Illinois quartet, with Cook and Walker, running second and third, was second in the 880-yard relay.

Taylor, anchorman, for the George Pepperdine College of California carried his team to second place in the college one-mile relay. The Los Angeles City College team, with its two sepia stars, Mitchell and Simms, placed third in this event. Compton Junior College of Los Angeles, with Dedrick as anchor, was fourth.

Lincoln University of Jefferson City, Mo., failed to qualify in the 880-yard college relay trials on Friday. Sat 5-1-48

In the University sprint medley relay, Whitfield led off for the winning Ohio State University team.

Dillard Honored on Return Home

Clevelanders Fete Ace of Olympic Sprinters

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Dillard Record New World Mark

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md

NEW YORK (NNPA) — A recheck on the American track and field records approved at the recent A.A.U. convention revealed on last Thursday that Harrison Dillard's time of 0:22.3 for the 220-yard low hurdles, certified as a national mark, also betters the listed world record for It was reported that Dillard's clocking was the equal of Fred Wolcott's world standard of 0:22.3. That time by Wolcott was for the 220 meters. The former Rice hurdler's listed world mark for the 220 yards is 0:22.5, two-tenths of a second slower than Dillard ran at Salt Lake City on June 21, 1947.

H. Dillard

Sat 12-18-47

Dillard's 0:22.3 and his 0:13.6 for the 120-yard high hurdles, as well as Mel Patton's 0:09.3 for the flat 100 and Chuck Fonville's shot-put toss of 59 feet ⅜ inches will be submitted by the A.A.U. to the International Amateur Athletic Federation for approval as official records.

Baldwin-Wallace Ace Only Man For High Honor

Journal Guide
Sat 4-24-48
Norfolk Va.

Hurdles Titler Will Receive Award Before Leaving For Olympics

NEW YORK — (ANP) — The Track Writers Association, meeting here last week, unanimously voted to award its annual trophy to Harrison (Bones) Dillard, Baldwin-Wallace College ace hurdler, and favorite for the Olympic high hurdles championship, as the outstanding performer of the year's indoor track season.

DILLARD

Holder of all major hurdling titles, indoors and out, high and low, the 24-year-old Cleveland athlete was the only nominee for the award. He will receive the award probably in July when he embarks on the U. S. S. America for London and the Olympic Games.

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ENVIABLE RECORD

Title king of the National Amateur Athletic Union and National Collegiate Athletic Association, Dillard took 13 races in 10 open AAU and collegiate meets during the winter season, breaking or tying records in almost every start. This streak pushed his victory string to 54, including sprint races on an unbeaten European tour last summer.

He has had only two post-war defeats, one last May when Bill Porter of Northwestern clipped him by a foot in 22.8 seconds, and the other time, in a high hurdle spring against George Walker of Illinois, in 1946. Dillard returned to college in 1946 after serving as an infantryman in Italy during the war.

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He is the only racer to go through a full indoor season without defeat. Gilbert Dodds, also unbeaten, was retired to the sidelines by an attack of mumps. He will compete in the Olympic 100-meter high hurdles, since the world classic has no 220-meter low hurdles event. He began training for this campaign with the Kansas Relays last week.

Dillard stands 5 feet 10 inches and weighs 153, and is the fastest hurdler in history. He is one of few who have bettered 14 seconds in the 120-yard high hurdles and he is co-holder of the world 220-yard low hurdles mark of 22.5 seconds.

Dillard Loses In Hurdles and Dash; Too Hot

Defender,
Chicago, Ill.
Sat. 7-10-48

By FAY YOUNG

MILWAUKEE — The two-day running of the 60th annual National A. A. U. junior and senior track and field championships which this year was the Olympic trials ended in a blaze of glory for Herb McKenley, the former University of Illinois star, and disappointments for Harrison Dillard, undefeated in 82 starts, and Lloyd LaBeach, ex-University of Wisconsin luminary.

The meet was held Friday and Saturday afternoons, July 1 and 2. The winners of the first six places will compete Friday and Saturday, July 9 and 10 in Dyche Stadium, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., against the winners of the first six places in the recent National Collegiate A. A. Following the meet on July 10, the United States Olympic committee will name the men who will sail Wednesday, July 14, for the Olympic track meet in London.

Dillard Beaten Twice. . .

Dillard, who represented Baldwin-Wallace College of Berea, Ohio, bowed to Bill Porter, white, of Northwestern University, the hurdler who defeated Dillard in May, 1947, in Los Angeles. Since then Dillard has ruled the roost. A total of 82 victories in the hurdles and the dashes was his record

The hot July sun and the intense heat weakened the Ohio runner. He had to qualify in the trials on Friday and run the semifinals and final on Saturday. Taking part in the hurdle and 100-meters events with the hope of being selected for the U.S. 400-meters tea mbesides the hurdles proved an iron man stunt. His qualifying tim was 14.1, the best turned in Friday in the hurdles. He did a 10.5 seconds to the Lloyd LaBeach for the best time in the qualifying heats of the 100-meters run Both won their events.

But on Saturday, in the finals, Dillard not only lost to Porter in the 110-meters high hurdles but he also lost to Barney Ewell, the former Penn State flyer, who did a 10.6 seconds to lead Dillard to the tape in the final of the 100-meters. Shortly before, Dillard had been timed in 10.4 seconds in winning the first semifinal of that event.

Bill Mathis, now running for the Pioneer A. C .of New York City and former Big Nine dash star from the University of Illinois, was fifth in the 100-meters final. Labeach was disqualified for twice trying to beat the gun.

Negro runneres finishing behind Dillard in the 110-meters high hurdles were Ed Dugger, veteran hurdler from Dayton, Ohio, and former Tufts College ace, who was third and Ed Taylor, Western Michigan State, who was fifth.

McKenley Smashes Records

The highlight of the two-day meet was Herb McKenley's record breaking 400-meters run in the trials of Friday. McKenley, who set a world record in 1946 in winning the 440-yard Big Nine championship at Campaign, Ill., ran the 400-meters in 45.9 for a new world mark. The old time was 46 seconds set by Harbig of Germany in 1939 tied by Klemmer of the United States in 1941. The Olympic record is 46.2 of the United States team and set in the 1932-- Olympic games in Los Angeles.

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The 400-meters distance is exactly 437 yards, 1 foot and 4 inches.

McKenley will not represent the United States in London. He will run for Jamaica, British West Indies. LaBeach also will not be on the U.S. team as he isrepresenting his home country, Panama.

McKenley came back to win the emifinal of the 400-meters on Friday this time, running the distance in 46.8 seconds. Second to McKenley in the semifinal and pulling a big surprise was Ollie Matson, Washington high school runner from San Francisco. Mel Whitfield, Ohio State and running for the U.S. Army Air Forces, and Dave Bolen, former Southern University runner, qualified.

In the final, Whitefield was second and Matson third.

LaBeach won the 200-meters final in 21 seconds. Barney Ewell was third. Lorenzo Wright, Wayne University, Michigan, was fifth

Phil Thigpen. Seton Hall College, New Jersey placed fifth in the 3,000 meters steeple chase.

Clarence Doak, former Xavier runner but now of the University of Pittsburgh, was third in the 400-meters.

Dugger finished third in the 200-meters low hurdles.

Reggie Pearman, New York University, was second in the 800-meters Bolen was fifth and Lewis "Jack Rabbitt" Smith of Virginia Union was sixth.

Wins Broad Jump 7-10-48

Fred Johnson, Michigan State, won the broad jump with 25 feet, 4½ inches. Lorenzo Wright, Wayne University was second. Eural Davis, Texas, was third. Herb Douglas, Pittsburgh, was fourth.

Homer Gillis, New York U, was sixth in the junior broad jump finals. He represented the Pioneer A. C.

Bruce, Howard University, Washington, D.C., was fifth in the junior 1,500-meters steeple chase.

William Carter, formerly of the University of Pittsburgh, and later of the Tuskegee Army Air Force, was winner and Lorenzo Wright was third in a special 100-meters to select qualifiers for the Olympic team finals. The time was 10.6.

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Ohio State News

Sat. 6-5-48

OLYMPIC BOUND Harrison Dillard extended his consecutive win streak to 73 at the Ohio Conference track and field meet held at Delaware, O. last weekend. The Baldwin-Wallace hurdles star sucessfully defended his 100-yard dash, 120-yard and 220-yard hurdles championships. See story at left.

Dillard Takes Old 'Difference' Myth Apart

Daily Worker

LONDON, July 25 — Attacking some of the old but persistently brought-up fables of physical differences between Negro and white runners, Negro star Harrison Dillard of the US Olympic team today said that by and large the only difference was in the color of the skin. 7-26-48

"I do not believe in any magic explanations that my race has better muscles or that we are closer to 'nature' than the white runners," the lanky Dillard declared. New York, N.Y.

"I think Negroes stick to sprint racing instead of long distances, because they generally live in hot climates and because they have the athletic 'background' for the sprints." 7-26-48

Dillard, now training here with the U.S. Olympic squad, pointed out that "not even the white athletes" would be able to stand up to a five mile race with the thermometer at 90 degrees.

Americans, for instance, seldom turn up a great distance runner, he said. Mon.

"You will find that not only Negroes, but all American runners are pretty poor long distance people. That sort of running simply does not fit in with the climate. Daily Worker

"America has produced the greatest sprinters because the American tempo of life is fast and demands an exhibition of explosive energy, rather than stamina," he added. New York, N.Y.

"In America people would not retain interest in long distance running simply because they like speed. They watch basketball, baseball, boxing and the sprints because they like speed."

"America is hectic and Americans like hectic things."

Dillard said love of speed was not a specific Negro trait. But much of the credit for succeeding Negro speedsters, he pointed out, could be traced to idoltry for Jesse Owens and other great Negro sprinteds. 7-26-48

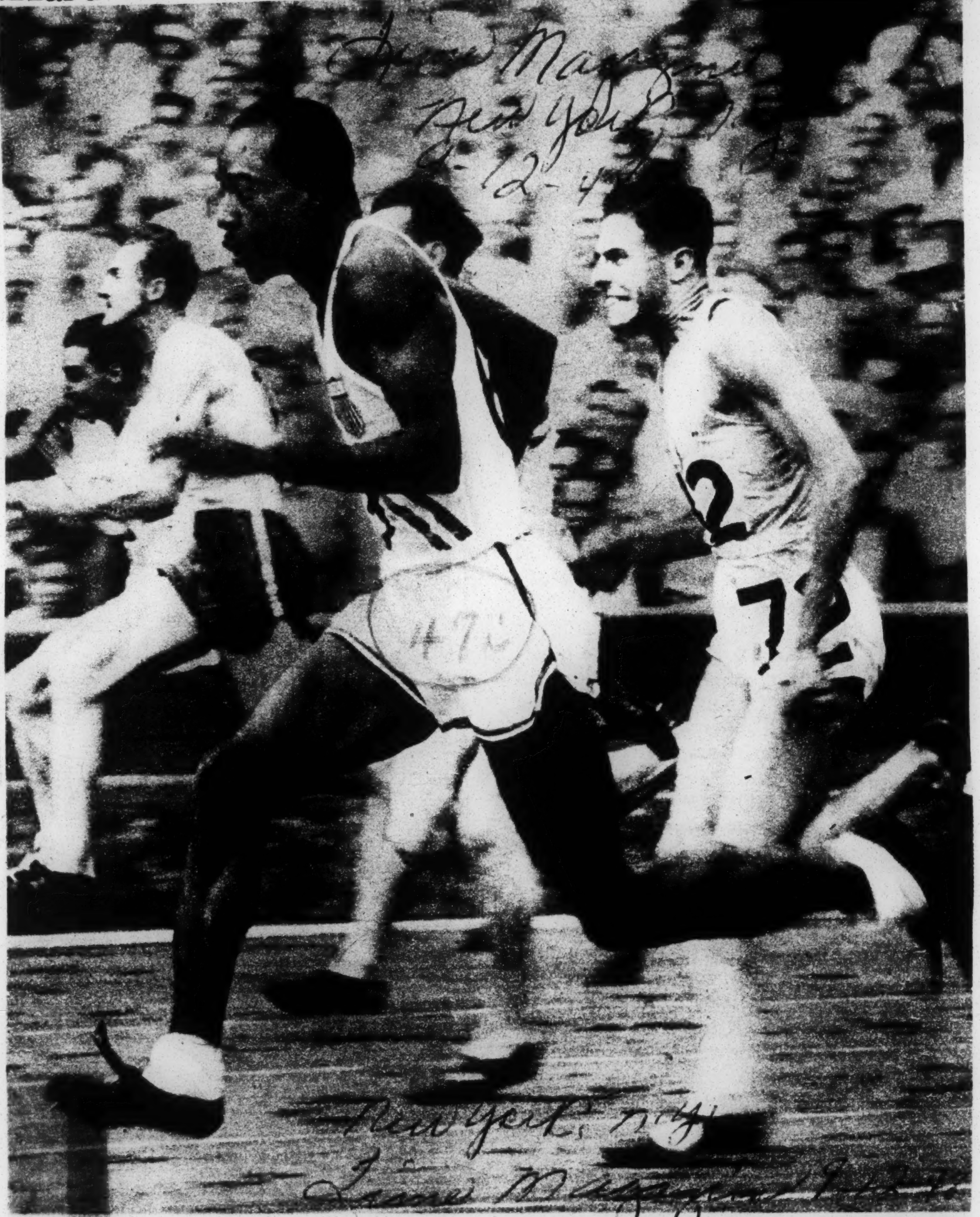
"Owens, Ralph Metcalfe and Eddie Tolan," he said, "made Negro athletic history when they created the black myth about sprint racing. Sprint running became popular with the Negroes then and a steadily increasing number of them started to train for the sprints."

He pointed out that Scandinavia held a parallel to Gunder Haegg and the champion distance runners of Sweden, Finland and Norway. 7-26-48

"There is no difference between this and what happened to the Negroes and sprint running," Dillard said. Mon.

He summed up:

"Strictly physically, there is no difference between the whites and the Negroes. The fact that many black runners have become classical does not mean anything. Mel Patton might be the first in a chain of great white sprinters."



SURPRISE — At the U. S. Olympic trials Harrison Dillard (in foreground) surprised the sports world twice. Undeniably the greatest high hurdler in history, he failed to qualify in his specialty but did qualify in the dash, which he seldom runs. At London he improved on his performance. Considered the third best of America's sprinters, he scored the most stunning upset of the Olympics by winning the classic 100-meters.

Harrison Dillard Confident He'll Win Olympic High Hurdles Championship

Courier Journal Louisville, Ky.

Cleveland, June 29 (AP)—America will win at least one Olympic title at London this summer, if Harrison Dillard is as classy at forecasting as he is at hurdling.

"I'm going to win those high hurdles in London," the Baldwin Wallace College ace told 300 fans at a testimonial dinner in his honor last night.

"I don't want you to feel I'm boasting," the modest Negro star told the pre-Olympics gathering "but that is the best way I can repay you for all you've done for me tonight."

Dillard, the first track star to hold all outdoor and indoor American crowds at one time, had ample grounds for his Olympics prediction.

Wed. 6-30-48

He has cracked the accepted marks for both the 110-yard high hurdles and the 220-yard low barriers while gliding to a new record of 80 straight triumphs during the last two years of track competition. He smashed the former consecutive victory streak of 65 set by Notre Dame's Greg Rice in a dual meet at Oxford, Ohio.

SHARES RECORD

Harrison clipped the American mark for the 220-yard lows in his final appearance at Baldwin Wallace Stadium Saturday with a 22.4 seconds performance. He shares the accepted record of 22.5 with Fred Wolcott of Rice Institute and has hurdled the distance in the all-time low time of 22.3 seconds.

The Baldwin Wallace senior was termed the "greatest performer who has ever participated in track" by his coach, Eddie Finnigan.

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"It is his will to win against any type of competition that makes him the finest competitor

Vince Boryla," Rupp said. "Boryla has demonstrated the happy faculty of being able to make Kurland foul and in addition has been able to score pretty well against Phillips."

Rupp said he thinks Groza will be able to handle Kurland bette

I have ever coached—or seen," Finnigan told last night's session. Eddie seconded Dillard's motion that he should win the high stick title in the Olympics.

Mayor Thomas A. Burke congratulated Dillard on behalf of the sixth city.

Dillard Loses In Hurdles and Dash; Too Hot

Defender

Chicago, Ill.

By FAY YOUNG

MILWAUKEE — The two-day running of the 60th annual National A. A. U. junior and senior track and field championships which this year was the Olympic trials ended in a blaze of glory for Herb McKenley, the former University of Illinois star, and disappointments for Harrison Dillard, undefeated in 82 starts, and Lloyd LaBeach, ex-University of Wisconsin luminary.

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The meet was held Friday and Saturday afternoons, July 1 and 2. The winners of the first six places will compete Friday and Saturday, July 9 and 10 in Dyche Stadium, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., against the winners of the first six places in the recent National Collegiate A. A. Following the meet on July 10, the United States Olympic committee will name the men who will sail Wednesday, July 14, for the Olympic track meet in London.

Dillard Beaten Twice. . .

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Dillard, who represented Baldwin-Wallace College of Berea. Ohio, bowed to Bill Porter, white, of Northwestern University, the hurdler who defeated Dillard in May, 1947, in Los Angeles. Since then Dillard has ruled the roost. A total of 82 victories in the hurdles and the dashes was his record

The hot July sun and the intense heat weakened the Ohio runner. He had to qualify in the trials on Friday and run the semifinals and final on Saturday. Taking part in the hurdle and 100-meters events with the hope of being selected for the U.S. 400-meters tea mbesides the hurdles proved an iron man stunt. His qualifying tim was 14.1, the best turned in Friday in the hurdles. He did a 10.5 seconds to the Lloyd LaBeach for the best time in the qualifying heats of the 100-meters run Both won their events.

But on Saturday, in the finals, Dillard not only lost to Porter in the 110-meters high hurdles but he also lost to Barney Ewell, the former Penn State flyer, who did a 10.6 seconds to lead Dillard to the tape in the final of the 100-meters Shortly before, Dillard had been timed in 10.4 seconds in winning the first semifinal of that event.

Bill Mathis, now running for the Pioneer A. C .of New York City and former Big Nine dash star from the University of Illinois, was fifth in the 100-meters final. Labeach was disqualified for twice trying to beat the gun.

Negro runneres finishing behind Dillard in the 110-meters high hurdles were Ed Dugger, veteran hurdler from Dayton, Ohio, and former Tufts College ace, who was third and Ed Taylor, Western Michigan State, who was fifth.

McKenley Smashes Records

Chicago, Ill

The highlight of the two-day meet was Herb McKenley's record breaking 400-meters run in the trials of Friday. McKenley, who set a world record in 1946 in winning the 440-yard Big Nine championship at Campaign, Ill., ran the 400-meters in 45.9 for a new world mark. The old time was 46 seconds set by Harbig of Germany in 1939 tied by Klemmer of the United States in 1941. The Olympic record is 46.2 of the United States team and set in the 1932 Olympic games in Los Angeles.

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The 400-meters distance is exactly 437 yards, 1 foot and 4 inches.

McKenley will not represent the United States in London. He will run for Jamaica, British West Indies. LaBeach also will not be on the U.S. team as he isrepresenting his home country, Panama.

McKenley came back to win the emifinal of the 400-meters on Friday this time, running the distance in 46.8 seconds. Second to McKenley in the semifinal and pulling a big surprise was Ollie Matson, Washington high school runner from San Francisco. Mel Whitfield, Ohio State and running for the U.S. Army Air Forces, and Dave Bolen, former Southern University runner, qualified.

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In the final, Whitefield was second and Matson third.

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LaBeach won the 200-meters final in 21 seconds. Barney Ewell was third. Lorenzo Wright, Wayne University, Michigan, was fifth

Phil Thigpen, Seton Hall College, New Jersey placed fifth in the 3,000 meters steeple chase.

Clarence Doak, former Xavier runner but now of the University of Pittsburgh, was third in the 400-meters.

Defender

Dugger finished third in the 200-meters low hurdles.

Reggie Pearman, New York University, was second in the 800-meters Bolen was fifth and Lewis "Jack Rabbitt" Smith of Virginia Union was sixth.

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Wins Broad Jump

Fred Johnson, Michigan State, won the broad jump with 25 feet, 4½ inches. Lorenzo Wright, Wayne University was second. Eural Davis, Texas, was third. Herb Douglas, Pittsburgh, was fourth.

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Homer Gillis, New York U, was sixth in the junior broad jump finals. He represented the Pioneer A. C.

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Dillard, ExKing Of Hurdlers, Rises To Sprinters' Throne

Commercial Appeal

By TED SMITS
Associated Press Sports Editor

Memphis, Tenn.

UXBRIDGE, England, Aug. 1.—The slate has been wiped clean for Harrison Dillard.

Mon 8-2-48

The man everybody felt sorry for back in the United States because he failed to qualify for the high hurdles in the Olympic Games, is now the sprint king of the world.

"This atones for everything," said the 25-year-old Baldwin-Wallace negro who won the 100 meter dash Saturday.

If these were the ancient days of Greece, the 14th Olympiad would bear the name of Dillard, for it was customary to name the games after the winner of the sprint down the length of the stadium—the equivalent of the 100-meter dash.

Mel Patton Disappoints

"I knew I had it when I hit the tape," Dillard said Sunday as he joked with Barney Ewell, the second place man, at the American camp.

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"And I thought that I had won it," said Ewell, who revealed that for five minutes he thought he was the Olympic champion.

"Harrison was in lane six and I was in lane two. He won it all right and broke the tape first. I hit the string and I could feel it on my chest, so I thought I won. It was just an illusion." The 30-year-old Penn State alumnus from Lancaster, Pa., smiled wryly.

The third American in the race, Mel Patton of Southern California, wound up a disappointed fifth. He was the most highly regarded in advance because of his two-year record of victories marred only by his defeat by Ewell in the final Olympic tryouts—a race where Dillard was third.

Dillard's time was :10.3, tying the Olympic record.

Asked what he thought of the newly laid Olympic track, which has been the center of controversy, Dillard said:

"To run that fast you have to get something out of the track, whether you are conscious of it or not, so it must be pretty good."

Dillard is a slender, serious athlete who talks rarely. On the boat coming over from America to England he kept pretty much to himself, nursing his pride. Everyone treated him with sympathy.

What had happened was this: Over a space of a year and a half Dillard had scored 82 consecutive victories in track events, the greatest victory striking ever achieved. He had been timed in the 110-yard high hurdles in :13,6, for which application has been made as the world record. Against fair to good opposition he had always won the 100-yard dash, too.

Knocked Down Hurdles

So he set out to make the Olympic team in the 100 meter dash, the 110 meter-hurdles (the equivalent) of the 120-yard hurdles), and the sprint relay team. Conceivably that could lead to three Olympic championships and three gold medals—only one behind Jesse Owens, of 1936 Olympic Games fame.

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Owens and Dillard came from the same high school, which may account for Dillard's ambitions.

But running the sprints against the world's best was quite different than the races Dillard had run in college. He had to bear down so hard he lost his timing in the hurdles, an event that depends not only on speed but also on delicate precision.

Dillard made the team in the sprints, and then failed in the final hurdle race, hitting two barriers hard, and finally stopping dead, pushing down the seventh hurdle with his hands.

There was agitation to name him to the Olympic hurdle race anyway, but the American Olympic Committee has strict rules that require a man to qualify for every Olympic race.

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Thus the world's greatest hurdler wound up as a sprinter—and now he has demonstrated he is the world's greatest sprinter.

DILLARD TIES MARK OVER DRAKE STICKS

The Times

High Hurdler Timed in 0:14.1 for 120—Hofacre Breaks Record at Relays

New York, N.Y.

By The Associated Press.

DES MOINES, April 24—Harrison Dillard, America's greatest hurdler, today raced to his fifty-fifth consecutive victory to become the outstanding individual performer of the thirty-ninth Drake Relays. Sun

Dillard, who yesterday had sparked Baldwin-Wallace College to a new meet record in the college half-mile relay, tied his Drake record in the 120-yard high hurdles. 4-25-48

Altogether three college records were broken and one tied in the two-day meet. Seven new high school marks were set.

Lee Hofacre of Minnesota blotted out a 10-year-old Drake record for the 440-yard hurdle race by skimming over the barriers in 52.7 seconds. That erased the old mark of 53.2 seconds set by Jack Peterson of Rice in 1938.

Three Texas Quartets Win

University of Texas speedsters, meanwhile, won the four-mile, 440 and 880-yard relays.

Performances in field events failed to equal existing marks today. Yesterday Minnesota's Fortune Gordien broke the Drake seven-year-old discus record with a toss of 165 feet 5 inches.

Dillard, who aspires to wear the shield of the United States in the 1948 Olympic Games, thrilled a shirt-sleeved crowd of 15,000 in Drake Stadium by streaking to victory over the 120-yard high hurdles in 14.1 seconds. That tied the record he had set here a year ago. Sun 4-25-48

The 24-year-old Dillard ran a perfect race in proving his supremacy as America's finest hurdler. He cleared the ten hurdles with matchless form in the face of a 10-mile an hour wind on a track made slow by heavy rains.

He broke smoothly and had a slight advantage on the first hurdle. He was pressed by Clyde Scott of Arkansas until the last barrier when Bill Porter of Northwestern raced up to finish second. Dillard's margin was two yards.

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Charley Peters, Indiana's Western Conference indoor sprint champion, handed Charley Parker of Texas his first defeat of the year in the 100-yard dash. Parker salvaged only third place as Paul Bienz of Tulane finished second, a stride back of Peters. The wind and slow track held Peters' time to 10 seconds flat.

New York, N.Y. Sun The Times

Thompson Anchors Longhorns

The Texas miler, 120-pound Jerry Thompson, anchored the Longhorn four-mile relay team to victory in 17 minutes 30.3 seconds. That was only seven-tenths of a second slower than the record.

Illinois and Indiana set the pace for the first three miles with Tommy Deal of Indiana scooting away first in the final baton exchange. Thompson was back in fourth place, trailing Deal by six yards. He turned on the gas to defeat Deal by twenty-five yards. Thompson ran his mile in 4:13.5.

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The Texans captured their second relay when the quartet of John Robertson, Perry Samuels, Allan Lawler and Charley Parker snatched the quarter mile in 42.1 seconds—a second slower than the record. Parker, Samuels and Lawler, aided by Charles Tatom, raced to Texas' third victory in the 880-yard event in 1:26.4.

The Texans did all right, too, in the field events. Frank Guess won the javelin throw with a toss of 202 feet 7 inches.

John Gough of Oklahoma won the hop, step and jump at 46 feet 6¼ inches, while Norman Wasser of Illinois captured the shot put with a heave of 52 feet 9¾ inches. The high jump resulted in a two-way tie between Illinois' Dwight Eddleman and Verne McGrew, Rice Institute, who leaped 6 feet 6 inches. The pole vault also ended in a two-way tie, Harry Cooper, Minnesota, and Laurence Busby, Purdue, both clearing 13 feet 9¾ inches.

Says He'll Toss 170 When It Clears.

Des Moines, Iowa

The Register

By Nick Lamberto.

Sat. 4-24-48

Fortune Gordien, the new Drake Relays record holder in the discus with a heave of 165 feet 5 inches, thinks he'll hit 170 feet next week if his backache clears up.

"My back's been hurting me since last week," the Minnesota junior said. "My coordination was off and I worked it off with a lot of practice throws—I must have taken 50 counting my four preliminary tosses and three final pitches.

"That's really too many but I wanted to get my coordination back with lots of practice and I guess it worked. I was getting lousy throws in the preliminaries." Sat.

Gordien revealed that his name is pronounced Gordeen, despite the spelling. He said the best toss he ever made was 179 feet 3 inches. He stands 6 feet 1 inch and weighs 210. He prepped at Roosevelt High in Minneapolis.

His age?

"Let's say I'm 24," is the way the Gopher ace put it.

Incidentally during the preliminaries when his best throw was 155 feet 2⅞ inches, Gordien said, "I'm not doing so good—the wind's against me." 4-24-48

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Harrison Dillard, the Baldwin-Wallace hurdle flash, was another who didn't exactly take a shine to the wind blowing around the Drake oval. The Register

"I doubt if I'll set any hurdle mark with this breeze," Dillard said.

Des Moines, Iowa

The world record holder doesn't use any unorthodox style in clearing the hurdles—"just three strides like everyone else." Only difference, Dillard usually takes **those strides a mite faster.**

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was properly military but it also had its humorous side.

Three flags were raised at once: first the American flag, then the Olympic standard of five entwined rings, and finally the Drake flag. Sat.

Everything was in order but the Drake flag—it was flying upside down. Probably a distress signal of some kind from Relays boss Tom Deckard.

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Madill (Bud) Gartiser of Missouri, who holds the Big Seven record in the 60-yard highs with :07.4 and the world record in the 60 lows with :06.8, didn't run his specialty. 4-24-48

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Fonville's Far Away as Olympic Shot Putters Vie

Detroit Free Press — Detroit, Mich. Mon, 8-2-48

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World's Best Accepts His Fate, Refuses to Alibi Failure in Trials

By TOMMY DEVINE

The simple line in the 1948 Olympic program reads:

"August 3—SHOT PUT. Preliminaries and finals."

The big, broad-shouldered youngster who figured to mount the victor's stand at Wembley Stadium at the conclusion of the event, checked the schedule and said:

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"That WAS to be the day."

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CHARLEY FONVILLE, the University of Michigan star, grinned as he placed special emphasis on the word "was." This properly is the "might-have-been" day of the Detroiter who developed into the world's greatest shot putter and then failed to qualify for the United States team.

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"Sure I would like to have made the trip to London," Fonville said frankly, "but I missed out when it counted and that's all there is to it."

No alibis. No excuses. No attempt to explain away the failure by a lame back.

"It's always easy to look back and think of things you should have done," Fonville says. "I don't agree with the coaches and observers who claim I wore myself out shot-putting before the Olympic trials.

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"MAYBE I should have taken a rest a little earlier than I did, but that's the only concession I'll make on their claims."

The Michigan star established a world record in the Kansas Relays last spring when he tossed the 16-pound ball 58 feet one-quarter inch.

Throughout the outdoor season he consistently was over 56 feet. In the Olympic trial Fonville's best effort was 54 feet one and three-quarter inches. It left him seven inches short of a team berth.

Fonville hasn't touched the weight since his Olympic failure.

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"Haven't even made one put," he says, "and I don't think I will until probably late next fall. Then I'll start getting in shape for the indoor season."

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DOES FONVILLE intend to continue competing after his career at Michigan ends next June with an eye toward the 1952 Olympics?

"I doubt it," he says. "I think when I complete my eligibility at Michigan I'll be through with track. I hope to go to dental school and if I do, there won't be time for competition."

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FONVILLE expects to expand the scope of his track activities next year.

"It's my final season and I want to have some fun," he explains. "I hope to run the 100- and 220-yard dashes and probably either broad jump or high jump in addition to competing in the shot and the discus."

Would such a program hinder his chances of surpassing his own 58-foot put?

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"I don't know," he says. "I feel that if a fellow is in good shape he always stands a chance of beating the mark. Maybe I won't, but I think there's a chance."

Fonville naturally is interested in seeing how the American shot put triumvirate of Frank Delaney, the ex-Notre Dame star; Wilbur Thompson of the Los Angeles Athletic Club, and Jim Fuchs, of Yale make out Tuesday.

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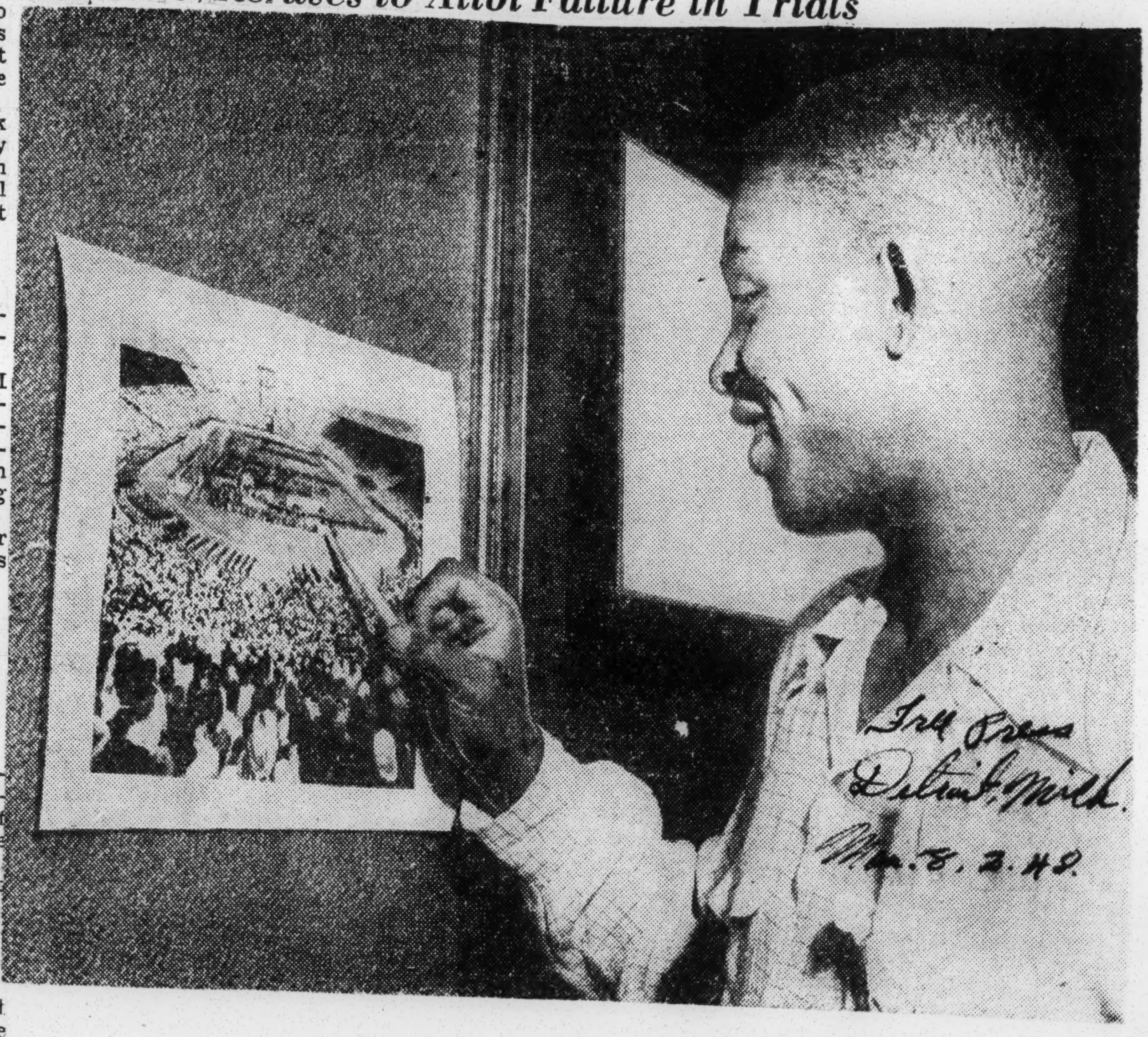
"**DELANEY** is a fine shot putter," he says. "He beat me in the National AAU meet at Lincoln, Neb., in 1947. And all three beat me at Evanston in the Olympic trials."

The Michigan star also was watching the performances of his teammate, Herb Barten, in the 800 meters. Barten goes in the finals Monday. Fonville succeeds Barten as the Wolverines' captain.

Fonville is putting his vacation period to good use with two jobs. He's a radio and electrical appliance salesman by day and a factory worker at night.



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Ohio State First, U-M Second in Big 9 Track Championships

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Marks Set by Fonville and Gordien

5-30-48

Crown Year's Second for the Buckeyes

Special to the Free Press

MADISON, Wis.—Ohio State's finely balanced team won the Big Nine track championship by rolling up 53 1-3 points.

Michigan was second with 36 points and Illinois third with 35.

The victory enabled the Buckeyes to add the conference outdoor crown to the indoor title they won last March.

Fortune Gordien of Minnesota bettered the American discus record by more than four feet with a toss of 178 feet, 11¾ inches in the big nine outdoor track and field meet finals.

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GORDIEN'S TOSS which shattered his Big Nine mark of 174 feet, 4 inches established Friday came after Michigan's Chuch Fonville also smashed the Conference shotput record for the second straight day. The accepted American NCAA discuss mark is 175 feet, 8¾ inches by Archie Harris of Indiana in 1941.

Fonville uncorked a shot-put of 56 feet, 5 inches. The lithe Wolverine, who spanned 54 feet, 10 inches in Friday's preliminaries, thus wound up two feet, four inches better than his 1947 mark of 54 feet, 1 inch.

Fonville, outstanding favorite to cop the Olympic shot-put title at London this summer, got his best distance on his first throw Saturday. His second was one inch shorter at 56 feet, four inches.

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DON GERHMANN, diminutive Wisconsin jogger, retained his mile run title with a great finish which shaded Michigan's Herb Barten by seven yards in a creditable 4:15.9.

Gehrmann and Barten ran well behind the pace the first three quarters. Barten stepped out first, but the be-spectacled Badger overhauled the Wolverine on the stretch and won going away.

Bill Porter of Northwestern retained his 120-yard high hurdles crown after a sizzling duel with George Walker of Illinois. Porter, who was clocked in :14.1, found himself matched stride for stride until the dash for the tap when he lunged across several feet ahead of Walker.

The 100-yard dash went to Indian's Charley Peters in the comparatively slow time of 10 seconds flat against a two-mile wind. Peters moved ahead in the last 25 yards to shade Fred Johnson of Ohio State.

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MAL WHITFIELD of Ohio State loafed to a :47.9 victory in the 440, looking over his shoulder on the stretch at Michigan's Orval Johnson, early pace-setter. Jim Holland of Northwestern took the broad jump title as his yesterday's qualifying distance of 24 feet, 5½ inches stood up today.

Barten, wearied by his mile effort, was dethroned in the 880 by Bill Clifford of Dhio State. Barten never was in the race as Clifford, Don Washington, also of Ohio State, and Indiana's Elmer Prifogle made it a three-man battle. Clifford was clocked in 1:52.8.

Indiana's Peters became a double winner when he outlasted Orval Johnson of Michigan to add the 220 crown to his century sprint title. The Hoosier speedster covered the furlong in :21.8.

Team Standings

MADISON, Wis.—(AP)—Final team standings in the Big Nine outdoor track meet:

Ohio State, 53⅓ points; Michigan, 36; Illinois, 35; Minnesota, 29; Indiana, 28; Wisconsin, 19⅓; Northwestern, 18⅓; Purdue, 4½; Iowa, 1⅓.

They Accounted for Two Big 9 Marks

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Associated Press Wirephoto

CHARLEY FONVILLE **FORTUNE GORDIEN**

Fonville cracks shot mark. Gordien betters U. S. Discuss record

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Mark Also Is Broken in Discus

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Gophers' Gordien Shatters That One

MADISON, Wis. — (AP) — Shot-putter Charley Fonville, of Michigan, and Discus-thrower Fortune Gordien, of Minnesota, smashed records as expected and favored Ohio State set a fast qualifying pace in the 48th Big Nine outdoor track and field meet.

Fonville, who already has bettered 58 feet this season, cracked his own Big Nine shot-put mark by nine inches with a trial flip of 54 feet, 10 inches.

Gordien, like Fonville a top American Olympic prospect, whirled the iron platter 174 feet, four inches, shading the Conference record by three inches. The old mark was 174 feet, 1 inch, by Indiana's Archie Harris in 1941.

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OHIO'S BUCKEYES, displaying fine balance, qualified 16 athletes in Friday's nine-event preliminaries at sun-drenched Randal Stadium. Finals in all 14 events are scheduled Saturday afternoon.

The Buckeyes, who placed three men in the six-man 440 finals and four among the nine 880 qualifiers, probably will get their most serious opposition from Michigan. The Wolverines' Herb Barten easily won his half-mile heat and looms as a double winner in the 880 and mile Saturday.

Illinois shaded Michigan in qualifiers, nine to eight, but in the finals the defending champion Illini are expected to feel the loss of such 1947 stars as Herb McKenley, Bill Mathis and Johnny Twomey, all individual champions last year.

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NORTHWESTERN qualified seven, followed by Minnesota and Indiana with six apiece, Wisconsin with four and Purdue and Iowa with one each.

Defending champions had easy sailing in the warm-up which produced four new Camp Randall records along with the two conference marks.

As well as Fonville, Gordien and Barten, Northwestern's Bill Porter showed he was ready for a successful title defense. Double champion Porter romped over the 120 high hurdles in :14.3, for a new stadium record, and loafed to a :24 heat win in the 220 lows.

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Fonville Makes a Little Go Long Way with Shot

Detroit, Mich.

BY LYALL SMITH

Fri. 4-9-48

CHARLEY FONVILLE looks like an Olympic champion. But not like an Olympic shot-put champion.

He loomed big when he eased his 195 pounds of muscle and affability into an office chair. But he didn't loom big enough to match memories of other shot-putters who made a practice of heaving a 16-pound chunk of lead farther than it ever had been heaved before.

Fonville, a clean-cut University of Michigan junior via Detroit Miller High School, is one of five men who have tossed the shot farther than 55 feet. His tops is a masterful 56 feet, 10 and five-eighths inches that is second only to the 57-foot-one-inch heave by Jack Torrance at Oslo, Norway, in 1934.

And Fonville is the midget of the fivesome. Torrance was a gigantic 265 pounds. The late Al Blozis was around 240. Elmer Hackney and Johnny Lyman both topped the 230 mark.

Fonville is reluctant to talk about his exploits. That he is a sure-fire cinch to represent the United States in the upcoming Olympics at London this summer he dismisses with a grin and a shoulder shrug.

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Hits 57 Feet in Practice

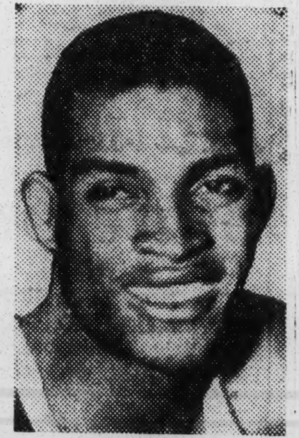
Free Press

WHERE DOES he get the tremendous power to catapult 16 pounds of dead weight such lengthy distances?

"I really don't know," he insists. "I just wind up and cut loose. The ball kinda flies out there. A couple of judges go over with a tape measure and then it seems like a flock of fellows come up and bang me on the back and yell, 'Nice goin'.' That's about all there is to it."

What is Fonville's longest toss?

He grinned again. "I'm not supposed to talk about it," he said. "Mr. Doherty (Coach Ken Doherty, of Michigan) asked me to keep it quiet. But I cut loose with one the other day that was 57 feet right on the button. I'm kinda proud of that one, but I honestly feel like I can throw it farther yet. Mr. Doherty tells me I can and he's been right so far. I'd sure like to beat that record of Torrance's this year and then have nothing to do next year but try to beat my own world's record."



FONVILLE

Detroit, Mich.

Fonville's achievements with the shot are unexcelled by any collegian. Coupled with the facts that he is not of gargantuan stature and is observing only his 21st birthday this month, he is strictly a phenomenon in his field.

Fri. 4-9-48

His speed is not confined to whirling about the shot-put circle with a weight in his right hand. He has been clocked at :10.1 in the century. He has broad-jumped close to 22 feet. He can high-jump more than six feet. He has been a collegiate winner with the discus.

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2nd Toss Is Payoff for Charley

IN FACT, he is so versatile that Doherty believes his prize package could be an Olympic decathlon threat without too much extra effort. The pole vault and hurdles would take a little time, but the 440, the mile and the javelin toss should be easy.

Fonville's record tosses this year have all been made on his second effort in each meet. He plans it that way.

Fri. Free Press

"We get five tosses," he explained. "The first one I try to get out there pretty far. But the second one I give all I got. I figure there's always the danger of fouling out by stepping out of the circle and that it's a good idea to get in your best licks early." 4-9-48

Charley warms up for each event by taking 10-12 practice tosses before his name is called for actual competition.

"I don't do much," he grinned. "Maybe I get it out there 45 feet or so. I just take it easy." Detroit Mich

Easy, he says. Try it yourself some time!

Fonville Practices All During Season; Keeps Up

Journal & Guide

Defender Sat. 5-8-48

ANN ARBOR, Mich.—(ANP)—Hours of steady practice have helped shot put ace Charles Fonville of Michigan develop from a freshman who tossed the ball 48 feet 6½ inches two years ago in his first meet to the champion who tossed the 16 pound shot 58 feet ½ inch a few weeks ago for a new world's record.

Only through developing his form and style has Fonville been able to increase his throwing distance by nearly 10 feet in 27 months. Unlike previous champions, Al Blozis and Jack Torrance, Fonville is not large or muscular. He is 6 feet 2 inches tall and weighs 194 pounds.

Blozis was very tall and weighed more than 250 pounds. The previous record holder, Torrance, weighed almost 300 pounds.

His coach, Ken Doherty, said, "Fonville spends more time in practice than any shot putter I have seen. He works longer and takes more practice puts. Each day he will toss the shot from 50 to 100 times, working on speed and timing.

And speed and timing is where Fonville gets his power. He has been often compared to Joe Louis for his natural coordination and reflexes. He streaks across the put circle, stops suddenly and throws.

"Did you ever see a man cross the ring so fast?" Bill Easton, director of the Kansas Relays, said. "Anyone else would never have been able to stop. He'd have fouled out of the circle."

Fonville's speed and timing takes the place of the muscles of other putters. Force in this event must come from the shoulder and back.

His competitive spirit helps the new shot put champion, too. "In competition, Fonville always is from six to 12 inches better than in practice," Coach Doherty said.

Two of his chief competitors, Bill Bangert of Perdue and Norm Wasser of Illinois, have inspired him to greater efforts. Both were the only two men to consistently defeat him until this year.

Bangert graduated before Fonville could take him in stride regularly, but by the end of the 1947 outdoor track season and this year, he had defeated Wasser consistently. 5-8-48

With the world title on his mind, Fonville has consistently bettered 56 feet in nearly every meet this season. On Feb. 21 he came to within less than three inches of the world record with a 56 foot 10⅝ inches toss in a dual meet with Ohio State.

Two months later the Michigan star achieved the superlative, not ust a 57 foot throw but a 58¼ inch heave at the Kansas relays, a new world record.

Fonville breaks shotput record twice in month

Tribune

ANN ARBOR — From the looks of it, shot-putting is in for a new era. Herald of things to come for the sport, is Michigan's Charlie Fonville, who twice within a month's time, has broken the world's indoor shotput record, a come-off which hasn't been happening twice in a decade.

Sat. 3-6-48

Two weeks ago at East Lansing, 20-year-old Fonville adroitly (he doesn't accent heft) did away with the 7-year-old record with a heave of 56' 6½". Last week he did his own record in at a dual track & field meet at Ohio state by heaving the 16-pound pellet 56' 10⅝", tossing the record-breaker on his second try; and for his day's work he heaved five of his tries over 55 feet.

Only other shotputter to outdo Fonville was cavorting 15 years ago. He was Louisiana state's Jack Torrence, who tossed the shot to the outdoor world record of 57' 2" at Oslo, Sweden, in 1942. And by summer, Fonville's coach is expecting him to better Torrence's best.

Sat. 3-6-48

In spite of Fonville's record heave, Michigan bowed to Ohio state, 60½-53½.

Comeback for Fonville

Detroit Free Press

Spinal Operation 'Complete Success'

Fri. 1-7-48

ANN ARBOR —(U.P.)— University of Michigan Hospital authorities said that a spinal operation on Charles Fonville, unofficial world shot-put record-holder, was a "complete success."

The Negro track star, who set a record of 58 feet ¼ inch April 17 at the Kansas Relays, said he will drop his pre-dental studies and try for an athletic comeback in 1950. Detroit Mich

Surgeons grafted bone onto Fonville's cracked vertabrae and said he now is recuperating from the "100 per cent successful" operation at University Hospital.

A severe back pain brought on by the injury hampered Fonville's efforts after setting the world mark so that he was unable to qualify for the Olympic team. He had been named captain of the Michigan track team for the 1949 season.

Michigan Names Fontville Capt.

St. Louis Argus

ANN ARBOR, Mich., June 7—Charley Fontville, shotput star on the University of Michigan track team Friday, was elected captain for next season by his teammates. Fontville, 21-year-old junior from Detroit, has broken the world record in the shotput. He succeeds Herb Barten as captain. The election result was announced at a joint track dinner and farewell party for Ken Doherty, track coach, who is leaving for the University of Pennsylvania.

St. Louis

Fri. 6-11-48

Fonville Breaks Shot Put Mark

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Charles (Chuck) Fonville, University of Michigan Olympic prospect in the shot put, Saturday, bettered his own Big Nine Conference record by more than three feet with a

winning toss of 56 feet, 3¾ inches.

Fonville's mark eclipsed his 1947 record of 53 feet, 2½ inches.

Ohio State won the team title, dethroning Illinois University.

THEIR FEATS REWARD MILLER TRACK COACH

Of Free Press Detroit, Mich

Fonville, Wright Gives Dues 'Due'

Sun. 4-11-48

BY GEORGE PUSCAS

A high school coach can hope for little more than to see one ofhis past stars competing on an Olympic team.

That's top satisfaction for men who mould awkward, untested youngsters into nimble athletes, then send them on to college for recognition. 4-11-48

Leroy Dues, Miller High School track coach, is virtually certain to have one of his proteges on the 1948 Olympic squad. Sun

But the thing that sets the youthful Trojan mentor on a pedestal is the fact that he may become one of the few—if not the only—high school coach in the nation with two products in the Olympics. Free Press

IT'S A FOREGONE conclusion that Charley Fonville, the small (for a shot-putter) University of Michigan ace, will be the nation's No. 1 hope in his specialty. Fonville is a Miller graduate. Detroit, Mich

The uncertain No. 2 man in Dues' personal Olympic parade is Lorenzo Wright, brilliant Wayne University broad jumper-hurdler-sprinter.

While Fonville is regarded as the best shot-putter in the nation, Wright faces a battle for similar recognition in the broad jump, his specialty. He was second in the NCAA outdoor finals at Salt Lake City last year, then came on to win the National AAU indoor title in New York recently. Sun

Both Wright and Fonville will make their Olympic-team bids in the trials at Evanston, Ill., July 9-10. 4-11-48

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ALTHOUGH WRIGHT and Fonville graduated from Miller in successive years (1944 and 1945, respectively), they were never teammates.

Wright was a three-event standout for the Trojans. He leaped 22 feet, 11 inches (one inch short of the City League record), and alternately ran the 440, hurdles and dashes while in high school. 4-11-48

Fonville spent only one year at Miller after coming from Decatur, Ill. During that time, he blossomed into a standout shot-putter. He had a toss of 51 feet 11¾ inches (one inch short of the record) before moving on to Michigan.

Free Press Detroit, Mich

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Leroy Dues, Miller High coach, discusses the Olympic games with two of his best-known proteges. Lorenzo Wright (left) is one of the nation's top broad jumpers. Chuck Fonville (right), of Michigan, rates as United States' No. 1 hope in the shot put. Sun. 4-11-48

Fonville Rated High As Olympic Threat

PM New York, N.Y.

Wed. 6-16-48

Charles Fonville, the Michigan shotputter who is one of the few athletes in the world just about sure to win an Olympic championship, is the kind of a man who needs a challenge to be at his best—even if it is only a milkshake.

"Come on," he will say during practice to his coach, Ken Doherty, "let's put a milkshake on it."

"For a malted milk," said Doherty, "he can do 55 feet."

That is as good, if not better, than any other man in training. Fonville's best, however, is a tremendous 58 feet ¼ inches made this Spring at the Kansas Relays. The listed world record is 57 feet 1 inch, made 14 years ago by big Jack Torrance.

The Olympic record is a mere 53 feet 1¾ inches, made by Hans Woellke of Germany in 1936.

Trajectory Low PM

Brutus Hamilton, the California track coach and scientific student of the sport, in 1935 drew up a table of what he considered the best performances man could hope to achieve. He called it the "ultimate of human effort." In the 16-pound shotput he set this at 57 feet 5/32 inches. New York, N.Y.

How has Fonville managed to exceed this by such a wide margin?

"The emphasis is all on speed, in all phases of the put, plus about perfect co-ordination and excellent form," said Doherty. "He has perfected all phases of form." 6-16-48 Wed.

For Fonville is small as shotputters go—6 feet 2 inches and 195 pounds. He is a quiet sort, with ebony dark skin. He is so loose-joined and steel-muscled that when he tosses the shot from hand to hand in warming up he acts as if it were no heavier than a baseball. The trajectory of his puts is very low—but the distance is unequalled.

Fonville Captures NCAA Shot Put

Detroit Free Press

Detroit, Mich. 6-20-48

Barten Second in 1500-Meters; Wright Takes Third in Broad Jump

Sun. 6-20-48

Special to the Free Press

MINNEAPOLIS—Charley Fonville, the University of Michigan star, re-asserted his supremacy as America's greatest shot putter by winning his specialty in the National Collegiate track meet with a toss of 54 feet, seven inches.

While Fonville's toss was far short of his world record of 58 feet, one quarter inch, it was almost two feet longer than any rival here. Fortune Gordien of Minnesota took second place with a toss of 52 feet, 7⅜ inches.

Back of Gordien came Rollin Prather of Kansas State with a mark of 52 feet, 3⅞ inches and Otis Chandler of Stanford with a toss of 52 feet, ⅜ inches.

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FONVILLE AND the five shot putters who finished back of him qualified for the right to compete in the Olympic Trials July 9-10 at Chicago. The Michigan star is regarded as a certain winner in both the trials and the Olympiad at London in August.

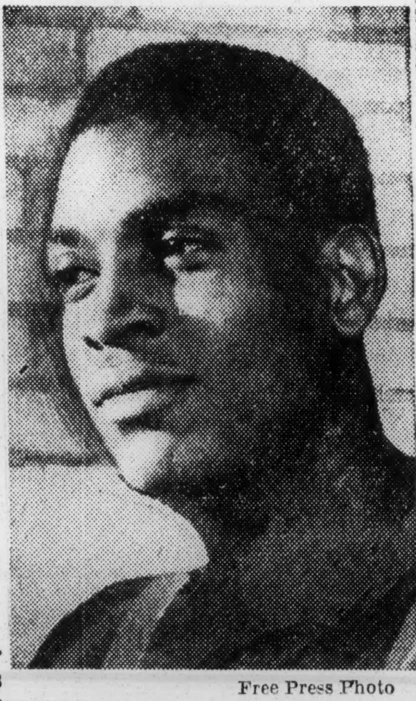
While Fonville was winning his specialty, his teammate Herb Barton was beaten in the 1500 meter race which furnished one of the highlights of the program.

Barton, former Big Nine indoor and outdoor titlist in the 880, was defeated by Wisconsin's brilliant Don Gehrmann. The 1500 meter event furnished one of the major surprises of the meet as Gerry Karver of Penn State, the defending champion, finished a dismal ninth and failed to qualify for the Olympic test next month. 6-20-48

GEHRMANN, WHO defeated Barton in the mile run in the recent Big Nine meet, laid off the early pace. He spurted on the final lap and won by seven yards in 3:54.3.

Barten ran an exceptionally fine race, but made the fatal mistake of delaying his bid too long.

Still the Best



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CHARLEY FONVILLE

Takes NCAA shotput title

The slender Wolverine middle distance ace allowed Karver to set the pace from the 200-meter mark until the final lap. Then Clem Eischen of Washington State and his teammate, Dick Paeth, alternated in the lead.

With a closing rush Gehrmann began to move. Then Barten followed suit. The Wolverine had hesitated too long, however. Gehrmann was pulling away from everyone in the field, excepting Barten at the tape.

ROLAND SINK, Pacific Coast Conference champion from Southern California, finished third a yard back of Barten. Then came Paeth, Bill Leonard of Notre Dame and Eischen.

Lorenzo Wright, the versatile youngster from Wayne University, turned in a rather disappointing performance in the broad jump. Wright finished third back of Willie Steele of San Diego State and Jim Holand of Northwestern.

Steele won the event with a leap of 24 feet, 11¼ inches. Holland jumped 24 feet, 6½ inches and Wright, 24 feet, 5¼ inches. The Wayne star had exceeded that mark consistently during the regular season. He won the National AAU indoor crown with a leap of 25 feet, 3¾ inches.

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TWO WORLD RECORDS were tied in the NCAA meet. Clyde Scott, the former Navy football star who now is at the University of Arkansas, equalled the world's mark in the 110-meter high hurdles when he was clocked in 13.7 seconds. 6-20-48

Mel Patton of Southern California tied the other with a 10.4 mark in the 100-meter dash. It is doubtful if the records will be accepted, however, because of a following wind of 6.2 miles per hour.

Jack Dianetti of Michigan State finished second to the great Mal Whitfield of Ohio State in the 800 meters. The time was 1:51.1.

HITTING THE TAPE AND ON WAY TO TITLE AT TRIBOROUGH STADIUM

The Times - New York, N.Y. Sun. 5-30-48

The Times New York, N.Y. Sun. 5-30-48

Reggie Pearman of N. Y. U. beating Frank Fox of Seton Hall in the 440 at seventy-second annual I.C.A.A.A.A. outdoor championships

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GORDIEN ACHIEVES U.S. DISCUS RECORD

The Times New York, N.Y.

Minnesota Star Flings Platter 178 Feet 11½ Inches in Big Nine Games at Madison

Sun. 5-30-48

FONVILLE PUTS SHOT 56' 5"

Michigan Man Sets American Mark Also—Ohio State Team Wins With 53⅓ Points

MADISON, Wis., May 29 (AP)—America's top Olympic hopes in the shotput and discus bettered American records and Ohio State dethroned Illinois as team champion in the forty-eighth Big Nine outdoor track and field meet at Camp Randall Stadium today.

Minnesota's Fortune Gordien whirled the discus 178 feet 11½ inches and Michigan's Charley Fonville put the shot 56 feet 5 inches, to surpass accepted American and National Collegiate Athletic Association, as well as their one-day-old conference marks in both.

Ohio State's well-balanced Buckeyes needed only three firsts in the 14 events to roll up 53 1/3 points. Michigan took second with 36, shading the Illini by one point. Minnesota was fourth with 29, followed by Indiana with 28, Wisconsin with 19 1/3, Northwestern with 18½, Purdue with 4½ and Iowa with 1 1/3.

Porter Double Winner

The Times

The meet had two double winners, defending champion Bill Porter of Northwestern in the high and low hurdles and Indiana's Charley Peters in the 100 and 220 yard dashes. Of titleholders back in eight events, three were dethroned—Michigan's Herb Baren in the 880, Dwight Eddleman of Illinois in the high jump, and co-Champion Tom Bennett of Wisconsin in the pole vault.

New York, N.Y.

Camp Randall records were bettered in most events, but only the shot and discus produced outstanding performances. So widely balanced was first-place strength that only one other team besides the champion Buckeyes won three events, seventh-place Northwestern.

Sun. 5-30-48

Gordien's toss, which shattered his Big Nine mark of 174 feet 4 inches, established yesterday, was made after Fonville had smashed the Conference shot-put record for the second straight day. The accepted American and N. C. A. A. discus mark is 174 feet 8¾ inches by Archie Harris of Indiana in 1941.

Fonville Claims World Mark

Fonville's toss technically also topped the N. C. A. A. and American shot-put mark by more than 4 inches, but the Wolverine has claimed a new world mark of 58 feet ⅜-inch already this season and consistently has bettered 56 feet. The late Al Blozis of Georgetown still has his 56-foot ½-inch toss in the N. C. A. A. book.

Gordien got his record-smashing whirl off on the last of his three tries. The world discus mark is 180 feet 2¾ inches, held by Bob Fitch, former Minnesota star.

The Times

THE SUMMARIES

Mile Run—1, Don Gehrmann, Wisconsin; 2, Herb Barten, Michigan; 3, Tom Deal, Indiana; 4, Don Hurlbert, Purdue; 5, Klaus Timmerhaus, Illinois. Time—4:15.9.

440-Yard Run—1, Mal Whitfield, Ohio State; 2, Orvil Johnson, Michigan; 3, Harry Cogswell, Ohio State, 4, Ed Porter, Ohio State; 5, Dick Whipple, Wisconsin. Time—0:47.9.

Shot-Put—1 Charles Fonville, Michigan, 56 feet 5 inches; 2, Norman Wasser, Illinois, 54 feet; 3, James Roberson, Indiana, 51 feet 4¼ inches; 4, Fortune Gordien, Minnesota, 51 feet 3¼ inches; 5, Peter Dendringos, Michigan, 49 feet 5½ inches (new conference record; old record, 54 feet 10 inches set by Fonville in yesterday's preliminaries).

100-Yard Dash—1, Charles Peters, Indiana; 2, Fred Johnson, Ohio State; 3, Clark Rice, Minnesota; 4, James Holland, Northwestern; 5, William Cook, Illinois. Time—0:10.0.

Broad Jump—1, James Holland, Northwestern, 25 feet 5¼ inches; 2, Lloyd Duff, Ohio State, 23 feet 9¾ inches; 3, George Kailas, Wisconsin, 23 feet 5 inches; 4, tie between Lou Irons and Don Leuthold, both of Illinois, 23 feet 3½ inches.

120-Yard High Hurdles—1, Bill Porter, Northwestern; 2, George Walker, Illinois; 3, Richard Maxwell, Ohio State; 4, Lloyd Duff, Ohio State; 5, Tom Mitchell, Indiana. Time—0:14.1.

New York, N.Y.

880-Yard Run—1, Bill Clifford, Ohio State; 2, Don Washington, Ohio State; 3, Elmer Prifogle, Indiana; 4, Herb Barten, Michigan; 5, Mal Whitfield, Ohio State. Time—1:52.8.

Discus Throw—1, Fortune Gordien, Minnesota, 178 feet 11½ inches; 2, Charles Fonville, Michigan, 162 feet 11½ inches; 3, James Roberson, Indiana, 152 feet 3½ inches; 4, Matt Cokor Ohio State, 147 feet 10¼ inches; 5, Dalton Anderson, Wisconsin, 144 feet 10½ inches. (New Conference and American college record; old Conference record 174 feet 4 inches set by Gordien in yesterday's preliminaries; old American record 174 feet 8¾ inches, set by Archie Harris, Indiana, in 1941.)

Sun. 5-30-48

220-Yard Dash—1, Charles Peters, Indiana; 2, Orval Johnson, Michigan; 3, William Cook, Illinois; 4, Fred Johnson, Ohio State; 5, James Foster, Ohio State. Time—0:21.8.

Two-Mile Run—1, Walter Karkow, Illinois; 2, Richard Kilty, Minnesota; 3, Don Gehrmann, Wisconsin; 4, Robert Downs, Illinois; 5, Frank Owens, Indiana. Time—9:24.2.

220-Yard Low Hurdles—1, Bill Porter, Northwestern; 2, Lee Hofacre, Minnesota; 3, George Walker, Illinois; 4, Dick Maxwell, Ohio State; 5, Russ Merkel, Iowa. Time—0:23.2.

High Jump—1, Lou Irons, Illinois, 6 feet 5¾ inches; 2, Dwight Eddleman, Illinois, 6 feet 4¾ inches; 3, tie between Thomas Dolan, Michigan, and Edward Jones, Purdue, 6 feet 3¾ inches; 5, tie among John Weik, Iowa, John Murphy, Ohio State, and Robert Hodgell, Wisconsin, 6 feet 3¾ inches.

Mile Relay—1, Ohio State (Mark Whitaker, Ed Porer, Harry Cogswell, Mal Whitfield); 2, Michigan; 3, Minnesota; 4, Indiana; 5, Wisconsin. Time—3:14.6.

Pole Vault—1, Harry Cooper, Minnesota, 13 feet 10 inches; 2, Tom Bennett, Wisconsin, 13 feet 8 inches; 3, tie among Edward Ulvestad, Michigan, Edward Sewell, Northwestern, and Lloyd Duff and Harry McKnight, both of Ohio State, 13 feet 4 inches.

TEAM POINT SCORES

Ohio State	53 1/3	Wisconsin	19 1/3
Michigan	36	Northwestern	18 1/2
Illinois	35	Purdue	4½
Minnesota	29	Iowa	1 1/3
Indiana	28		

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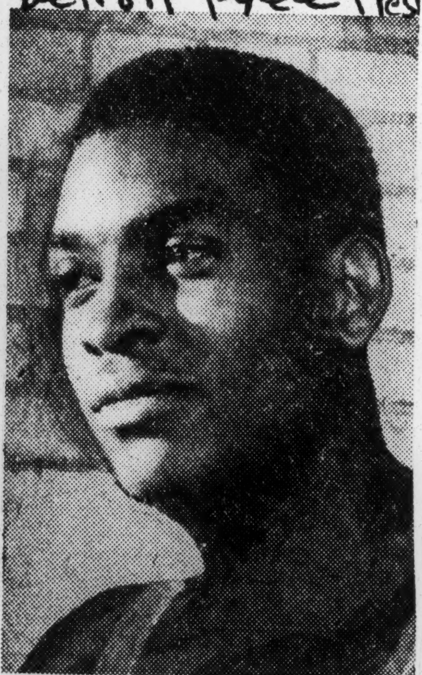

CHARLEY FONVILLE
Honored by U-M Mates

Sat. 6-5-48

M Trackmen Pick Fonville

He's Named Captain of 1949 Varsity

Special to the Free Press

ANN ARBOR—Charley Fonville, holder of the world's shot putting record, will captain the University of Michigan's 1949 track team.

Fonville, former Detroit Miller High School star, was elected by a vote of the track lettermen at a meeting Friday night.

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THE HUSKY Detroiter is regarded as a certain winner of his specialty in the Olympic Games at London this summer.

Fonville established the world's shot put record in the Kansas Relays this spring when he tossed the 16-pound ball 58 feet, one-quarter inch.

6-5-48

The Michigan ace has been over 56 feet consistently this season. Last week he established a Western Conference record and took second place in the Big Nine discus.

Fonville succeeds Herb Barten, the Wolverines' middle distance ace, as captain.

Tulane Sprinter Gets to Evanston Finals

The Times Picayune

(International News Service)

Evanston, Ill., July 10.—Mel Patton gained spectacular revenge on Barney Ewell today, beating the 31-year-old Negro by a stride in the US Olympic finals of the 200-meter run.

Patton's time, :20.7, equaled the American record for the distance around one turn. Cliff Bourland was the third Olympic qualifier in this event.

New Orleans, La.

(The Associated Press)

Evanston, Ill., July 10.—Harrison Dillard of Baldwin Wallace and Charley Fonville of Michigan, a pair of great Negro athletes who were considered sure winners in the coming Olympics, failed to qualify in their favorite events in the final US tryouts today.

Dillard, who had bettered the world record in the 120-yard high hurdles with a 13.6-second performance earlier in the session, got tangled up in the 110-meter hurdles final and stopped cold midway in the race. Sun.

With Dillard out, Bill Porter of Northwestern sped to victory in the high sticks by two yards over Craig Dixon of UCLA. Clyde Scott of Arkansas was third, rounding out the trio which will run that event for the United States in the London games. 7-11-48

Barney Ewell, Lancaster, Pa., and Mel Patton of Southern California were easy victors in the two preliminary heats of the 200-meter dash, run around a curve.

Ewell, who upset the favored Patton in the 100-meter final yesterday, sped over the distance in 21 flat, while Patton coasted home in 21.3.

Paul Bienz of Tulane and Cliff Bourland of the Los Angeles A. C. qualified for the finals behind Ewell. Charles Parker of Texas and Richard Houden of the Illinois A. C. finished in that order behind Patton.

Losing out in the trials were Chuck Peters of Indiana, Lorenzo Wright of Wayne and Bill Carter of the Army and Air Force team, who finished in that order in Ewell's heat, and Don Campbell of Colorado, Walter Gruber of Detroit and Bob Smith of Notre Dame, the trailing trio in Patton's heat.

Summaries of the final Olympic track and field tryouts today at Northwestern university's Dyche stadium (first three finishers in final events place on Olympic team):

Broad Jump (Final): 1—Willie Steele, San Diego State, 36 feet 2 inches; 2—Herb Douglas, Pittsburgh, 25 feet 3 inches; 3—Lorenzo Wright, Wayne, 25 feet ¼ inch; 4—James Holland, Northwestern, 24 feet 7¼ inches; 5—Eural Davis, San Antonio Athletic Club, 24 feet 1½ inches; 6—John Robertson, Texas, 23 feet 11¾ inches.

800-Meter Run (Final): 1—Mal Whitfield, Ohio State; 2—Herbert Barten, Michigan; 3—Robert Chambers, Southern California; 4—Tarver Perkins, Illinois Athletic Club; 5—Jack Dianetti, Michigan State. (Reginald Pearman, New York Pioneer Club, did not finish). Time, 1:50.6.

110-Meter Hurdles (Preliminary, Three to Qualify in Each Heat). First Heat: 1—Harrison Dillard, Baldwin Wallace; 2—Craig Dixon, UCLA; 3—Clyde Scott, Arkansas; 4—Richard Maxwell, Ohio State; 5—George Walker, Illinois; 6—Madill Gartiser, Missouri. Time, 14 seconds flat.

Second Heat: 1—William Porter, Northwestern; 2—Edward Dugger, Dayton Athletic Club; 3—Edward Taylor, Western Michigan; 4—Tom Mitchell, Indiana; 5—August Erfurth, Rice; 6—James Gehrdes, Penn State. Time, 14 seconds flat.

Shotput (Final): 1—Francis Delaney, Sanfran Olympic Club, 55 feet 1¾ inches; 2—Wilbur Thompson, Los Angeles Athletic Club 4 feet 11⅞ inches; 3—James Fuchs, Yale, 54 feet 8¾ inches; 4—Charles Fonville, Michigan, 54 feet 1⅜ inches; 5—William Bayless, Southern California, 53 feet 2¾ inches; 6—Rollin Prather, Kansas State, 53 feet 1¾ inches.

200-Meter Dash (Three from Each Heat to Qualify for Final) First Heat: 1—Barney Ewell, Lancaster, Pa.; 2—Paul Bienz, Tulane; 3—Clifk Bourland, Los Angeles Athletic Club; 4—Charles Peters, Indiana; 5—Lorenzo Wright, Wayne; 6—Lt. William Carter, Army and Air Force. Time, 21 seconds flat. 7-11-48

Second Heat: 1—Mel Patton, Southern California; 2—Charles Parker, Texas; 3—Richard Houden, Illinois Athletic Club; 4—Donald Campbell, Colorado; 5—Walter Gruber, Detroit; 6—Robert Smith, Notre Dame. Time, 21.3.

COMBINATION SEASON

The Sunset Baseball League has decided to run a combination split and full season this year. President Les Powers announced after a directors' meeting that the six-team league will start the second half of the season on July 13 and offer $500 in prize money for the team having the highest percentage from then until the season's end.

¶ At Compton, Calif., a lanky Negro named Lloyd La Beach (Panama's one-man Olympic hope) burned up the cinder path for 200 meters. His time (20.2) knocked one-tenth of a second off the world mark set by Jesse Owens back in 1935. Next day, long-legged Negro Herb McKenley (Jamaica's one-man Olympic hope) ran a dizzy 440 yards. The time (46 flat) chipped three-tenths of a second off his own world's record set a year ago. Mon. 6-14-48

From Chicago, Ill.

Texas Track Star Acquires Thirty-Six Trophies In Japan

New York Age

New York, N.Y.

WITH THE EIGHTH ARMY IN ZUSI, JAPAN —Technical Sergeant Alec Litman, Ikego Ammunition Depot, has won many track awards since graduating from Blackshear High School in San Angelo, Texas.

Assistant to the Special Service Officer at Ikego, Litman participated in three track meets at Prairie View State College during 1930 ad 1941. To date, he has accumulated 36 trophies, including the four awarded for prowess in the All-Japan cinder met held recently at Nile Kinnick Stadium in Tokyo. Sat 7-24-48

In the events held at the Stadium, Litman won first place in the 200-and 400-meter dashes, and Islands, with the 550th Ordnance first in the 1600 and 400-meter relay events.

Litman enlisted at Mineral Wells, Texas in 1932. He served two years at Angeles, Philippine Islands, with the 550th Ordance Ammunition Company before coming to Japan in March of this year.

His present enlistment expires late this year, but Litman plans to re-enlist. He likes Japan and he is even more fond of track and football. He now has the opportunity to enjoy all three.

Also Falls

Detroit Free Press

Gilders Shades It with 11' 11¼" Jump

BY GEORGE PUSCAS

Lanky Stan McConnor and diminutive Fletcher Gilders, of Northwestern, unleashed a double-barrelled assault on the City League record book Tuesday in the semifinals of the public-school track championships.

McConnor, the fleet-footed Colt quarter-miler, tore over Denby's 440-yard layout in record time of :50.1, repeating his performance of last week's sectional preliminaries. Wed. 6-2-48

He chopped seven-tenths of a second off the 21-year-old record set by Northeastern's Johnny Lewis.

Gilders, versatile Northwestern fieldman who also is the league's diving champion, leaped 11 feet, 11¼ inches to shade the nine-year-old pole vault mark by three-quarters of an inch.

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NOT SINCE 1940 has the circuit been forced to re-write two records from one track championship meet.

It drew the previously mentioned performances Tuesday and barely missed on two others as Miller's powerful aggregation offered a serious threat to dethrone Cooley's defending champions in Thursday's finals.

Except for a bit of confusion during the exchanges, Northeastern's crack relay quartet of Hal McGuire, Paul Wier, John Keaton and Jim Mitchell would have had the 880 mark.

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AS IT WAS, they were caught in 1:32.2, two-tenths off record pace and a yard ahead of Miller's foursome, which toured the distance in 1:31.4 last week.

Nothing to It

Wed. 6-2-48

Detroit Free Press

Free Press Photo

STAN McCONNOR

Breezes to City record in 440

Mitchell, who anchored the Falcon team with victories in the 100 and 220, fell one-tenth short of the circuit's century standard. Although he negotiated the distance in :09.8 last week in the sectionals, he could do no better than :10 against the oficial clocks. He also won the 220 in :22.5.

Miller, ruler of the East Side throughout the dual campaign, placed nine men and its relay squad in the finals. Walter Jenkins brought the Trojans a first in the shot put (50 feet, 7½ inches) and Bill Moore scored another victory in the half-mile (2:30.6).

Bill Terrian gave Cooley preliminary triumphs in two events, the broad jump (20 feet, 6⅝ inches) and the low hurdles (13.3). The Cardinals gained eight other places in addition to a berth in the relay.

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QUALIFIERS

HIGH HURDLES—Bostick (Mac): Boestler (D): Terrian (CO): Holloway (N) Lorenz (SE): Brink (Mac). Best time by Bostick—:15:3.

100-YARD DASH—Mitchell (NE): Kepler (R): Jones (M): LaRue (CO): Smith (M): Reese (SW). Best time by Mitchell—:10.

440-YARD DASH — McConnor (NW): Kilgore (N): Mann (Mac): Gandy (M): Heikkenen (Co): Gordon (M). Best time by McConnor—:50.1. (Breaks City League record of :50.8, set by Lewis, of Northeastern, 1927.)

LOW HURDLES—Terrian (Co): Lorenz (SE): Holloway (N): Boelstler (D): McGuire (NE): Brink (Mac). Best time by Terrian—:13.3.

220-YARD DASH—Mitchell (NE): Reese (SW): Gleason (P): LaRue (Co.): Smith (M): Tillman (NW). Best time by Mitchell—::2.5.

....**BROAD JUMP**—Terrian (Co.): Patterson (SE): Whitaker (M): Lowengruber (SW): Grady (D): Levine (C): Gilders (NW). Best distance by Terrian—20 feet, 6⅝ inches.

SHOT PUT—Jenkins (M): Young (N): Babiuk (P): Boyce (NE): Heinings (R): Knapp (C): McIntosh (M). Best distance by Jenkins—50 feet, 7½ inches.

RELAY—Northeastern (McGuire, Wier, Keaton and Mitchell): Miller, Northwestern, Cooley, Redford, Pershing. Best time by Northwestern—1:32.2.

HIGH JUMP—Thompson (C): Tuttle (Co): Nyquist (D): Powers (W): Seay (H): Kress (R). Qualifying height—five feet, eight inches.

880-YARD RUN—Moore (M): Love (Co): Rosales (W): Banks (NW): Trojan (P): Murdock (NW). Best time by Moore—2:03.6.

POLE VAULT—Gilders (NW): Rebtoy (Co): Dobson (NW: Sims (N): Cherava Mac): Foley (Co): Jones (M). Best height by Gilders—11 feet, 11¼ inches. (Breaks league record of 11 feet, 10¼ inches, set by Hock, Southeastern, 1930.)

"Olympic Justice"

Herald Tribune

To the New York Herald Tribune:

In reference to your editorial of Aug. 11, "Olympic Justice," one cannot help but have a feeling of bitterness toward the British press for its attacks at the sportsmanship of the United States 400-meter relay team.

As Jesse Owens, 100 and 200 meter and broad jump champion of the 1936 Berlin games (who also was a member of the victorious American 400-meter relay squad) said in a recent broadcast, an Olympic gold medal is the greatest singular honor which may be conferred upon an athlete. It is the culmination of years of hard training and sanguine dreams.

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New York, N.Y.

An athlete, therefore, who by sheer domination over the rest of the field has earned the realization of his hopes should not be condemned for protesting an obviously erroneous and unfair decision by a field judge which deprives him (the athlete) of a well earned victory. The mere fact that motion pictures of the race upheld the triumph of the Americans should have silenced the normally staid British journalists.

Red Smith in his column, "Views of Sport," in the same issue, which was replete with facetiae and sagacity, dismissed the matter in a manner commensurate with its importance.

And, while plaudits are being handed out, one must not forget Jesse Abramson who provided this reader with a complete, informative, and colorful account of the 1948 London Olympics.

ROUNDING IT UP:

Writ-Hander, $3 & Jersey Bounce

Daily Worker

By Lester Rodney

REMEMBER SAM NAHEM, the bespectacled Brooklyn attorney who did some pre-war pitching for the Dodgers and Phils? He's just gone back to the Phils and you'll see his name in the box scores soon. Sam is 32. He wanted $7,000 and the Phils said $5,000. So he continued his law practice and pitching for the Bushwicks on Sundays. Since coming out of the Army he has won 33 and lost 6 and the competition the Bushwicks meet rate with good minor league clubs. Last fall he outpitched Ralph Branca and shut out the Branca All Stars. He has a good assortment of stuff, including a much improved slider, exemplary control and a "pitching head." The Phils, moving into the money making class, decided to see Sam's figure after a report on his effectiveness. He might just help them a lot.

4-28-48

DODGER FANS are wroth at Branch Rickey's holdup. By merely changing the name from "reserved seats" to "loge," he changed $1.75 seats into $3.00. But it well noted that residents of the fair borough didn't break each other's necks scrambling to get into those seats for the first three home games. Selah!

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THERE WAS AN interesting story behind Montreal's 7-1 victory at Newark the second game of the International League season. Back a few years ago a young Negro pitcher named Don Newcombe was hurling for the Newark Eagles of the Negro National League. One day he walked into the ball park and asked a tryout by the Newark Bears of the International. He didn't get it. But he finally got to pitch an I. L. game in Ruppert Stadium — and perhaps we can guess that he got just a wee bit of special pleasure in making his successful debut against the team that said, "Sorry, no tryout."

4-28-48

THE DODGER SHAKEUP was due. You don't win pennants with 20 year old rookies, even promising ones like Ward and Sinder, holding down the vital third and fourth slots in the batting order. There will be NO trade for Pete Reiser. Pete and Robinson will play themselves into top shape. Johnny Jorgenson earned the third base slot back with his terrific pinch hitting, indicating a lot of spring extra basers in his bat ala last year. He still has to prove he can carry his slim frame through a long grind and that's where Cox will come in. Campenella has moved past Hodges as number two catcher and will be seen in there increasingly. The Dodgers are a team in flux, but the pennant winning stuff is still there. They'll jell.

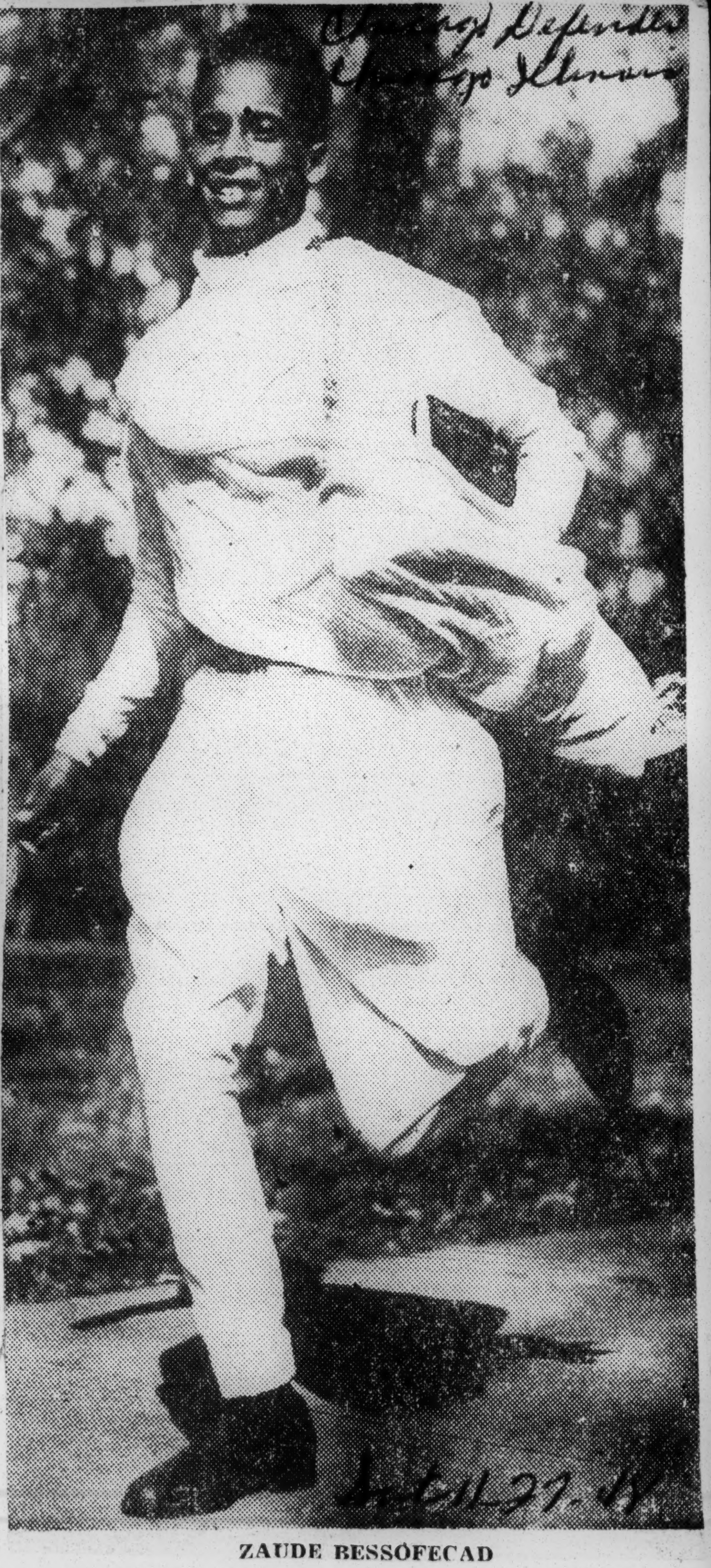
4-28-48

DON'T TELL US! Kramer and Riggs are coming back with a "big return match," at the Garden, it says in the advertisements. Or would you rather see the final playoff game between the Philadelphia Warriors and the Baltimore Bullets —July 4th.

The Courier

WINS FRENCH CROSS COUNTRY—Running barefooted, M. Ben Lahoucine won the fifty-third National Cross Country in France recently. The distance was five miles. —Keystone Pictures.

Pittsburgh, Pa.



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ZAUDE BESSOFECAD

All-Time Records Fall For Negro Track Aces In '47

1-13-48 47c Memphis World

Memphis, Tenn

By MARION E. JACKSON

A horde of Mercury-gaited sepia thinclads dominated track and field competition here in the United States in preparation for America's invasion of Europe for the 1948 Olympic Games. Blistering outdoor and indoor records were set by these speedsters in '47, when outstanding cinder artists from all over the U. S. competed in stardusted track and field meets North, East, South and West.

Incomparable illuminants of the track proved their stamina, mettle and wizardy in famous track meets as the Penn Relays, Drake Relays, Chicago Relays, Big Nine Meet, Knights of Columbus, National AAU, and dozens of other heralded track and field events.

Here in the South less spectacular track meets, but of equal importance to the regions and conferences sponsoring them, brought out a banner crop of talented path talent.

Nowhere in the United States was there any performer to equal Harrison Dillard, brilliant sepia hurdle star, who made a clean sweep of all ranking hurdle events held in the U. S. A. Herb McKenley, whose track necromacy at the University of Illinois, added a notch to the luster of Negro track stars by mastering all comers in the 220-yard dash and the 440-run. Reginald Pearson won new track superiority in the 880-meter run. There were a half-dozen others of equal skill and brilliance Memphis World

Surprisingly enough, Tuskegee Institute's famous women's track team kept in the limelight as the nation's top squad. Paced by Juanita Watson and Lillian Purifoy, the team swept the Women's National Outdoor Track and Field Meet. Memphis, Tenn.

A list of the U. S. champions in field and track showing the feats of Harrison Dillard, Herb McKenley, Barney Ewell, William Mathis, David Albritton and a host of white and sepia cinder artists is as follows:

Men's National Senior Outdoor Champions

100-Meter Dash—William Mathis, Urbana, Ill.
200-Meter Dash—Barney Ewell, Shanahan C. C., Philadelphia.
400-Meter Run—Herb. McKenley, Illinois. Memphis World
800-Meter Run—Reginald Pearman, New York Pioneer Club.
110-Meter High Hurdles—Harrison Dillard, Baldwin-Wallace.
200-Meter Low Hurdles—Harrison Dillard.
400-Meter Hurdles — J. Walter Smith, Los Angeles A. C.
Shot-put—Francis Delaney, Olympic Club, San Francisco.
Hammer Throw—Robert Bennett, Apponaug, R. I.
56-Pound Weight—Frank Berst, N. Y. A. C.
High Jump—David Albritton, Dayton, Ohio. Memphis, Tenn.
Broad Jump—Willie Steele, San Diego, State.
Pole Vault—A. Richmond Morcom, New Hampshire State.
Discus Throw—Fortune Gordien, Minnesota.
Javelin—Steve Seymour, Los Angeles A. C.
Team—New York A. C.
Pentathlon—John Voight, Baltimore, Md.
Decathlon — Irving Mondschein, New York U.

Men's National Senior Indoor Champions

60-Yard Dash—Ed Conwell, New York.
60-Yard High Hurdles—Harrison Dillard, Baldwin-Wallace.
60-Yard Low Hurdles—Harrison Dillard. Tues 1-13-48
600-Yard Run—George Guida, Villanova.
1000-Yard Run—William McQuire, 69th Regiment A. A.
Mile Run—Gilbert Dodds, Boston A. A.
Shot-put—Irving Kintisch, New York.
35-Pound Weight Throw—Tenry Dreyer, New York A. C.
High Jump—John Vislocky, New York A. C.
Broad Jump — Herbert Douglas, Pittsburgh.
Pole Vault—Owen Guinn Smith, Olympic Club, San Francisco.
Team—New York University.

National Collegiate A. A. Champions

100-Yard Dash — Mel Patton, Southern California.
220-Yard Dash—Herb McKenley, Illinois.
440-Yard Run—Herb McKenley.
880-Yard Run—Jack C[illegible]ord, Ohio State.
Mile Run—Gerald Karver, Penn State.
120-Yard High Hurdles—Harrison Dillard, Baldwin-Wallace.
220-Yard Low Hurdles—Harrison Dillard.
Shot-put—Charles Fonville, Michigan.
Discus Throw—Fortune Gordien, Minnesota.
Javelin Throw—Bob Likens, San Jose State.
Broad Jump—Willie Steele, San Diego State.
High Jump—Irving Mondschein, New York U.
Team—Illinois.

Women's National Outdoor Champions

50-Meter Dash—Alice Coachman, Albany (Ga.) State College.
100-Meter Dash—Juanita Watson, Tuskegee.
200-Meter Dash — Stella Walsh, Polish Olympic A. C., Cleveland.
80-Meter Hurdles — Nancy Cowperthwaite, German - American A. C., New York. Tues
400-Meter Relay—Tuskegee Institute. 1-13-48
Broad Jump — Lillie Purifoy, Tus-
High Jump—Alice Coachman.
kegee.
Shot-put—Dorothy Dodson, Chicago Hurricanes.
Discus—Frances Kaszubski, Polish Olympic A. C.
Javelin—Dorothy Dodson.
Team—Tuskegee Institute.

U. S. Far Ahead On Point System

Wash Post

London, July 31 (AP).—After two days of competition in the 1948 Olympic games, the United States is far out in front in the unofficial point table with 101 tallies. Ninety-four of those points were recorded today in an American scoring spree.

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France is a remote second with 28 points. In all, 21 nations have scored.

Officially, no points are awarded and no Olympic team championships are determined. The unofficial table is computed by awarding 10-5-4-3-2-1 for the first six places.

Countries	Men's Track	Women's Track	Men's Swim	Total Points
United States	61	3	37	101
France	10	14	4	28
Sweden	23	..	2	25
Australia	15	..	..	15
Hungary	4	..	10	14
Great Britain	12	..	..	12
Austria	..	12	..	12
Norway	10	..	..	10
Czechoslovakia	10	..	..	10
Finland	2	5	..	7
Italy	1	5	..	6
Yugoslavia	5	..	..	5
Switzerland	5	..	..	5
Ceylon	5	..	..	5
Holland	..	4	..	4
Denmark	..	4	..	4
Panama	4	..	..	4
Poland	..	3	..	3
Mexico	..	..	3	3
Canada	1	..	..	1
Belgium	1	..	..	1

Final Point Score Of Olympic Games

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LONDON, Aug. 14.—(AP)—The United States Olympic team won the 1948 games by a margin of 309 points. [illegible]

The Americans, second to Germany in the 1936 Olympics, compiled 662 points in the games that ended in London Saturday night with Sweden a distant second with 353 tallies. France was third with 220½ points and Hungary fourth with 201½.

Forty of the 58 nations competing in the 1948 games broke into the scoring. [illegible]

The team championship is not recognized by the Olympic officials, who honor only the top three athletes in each sport. On that basis the Americans also won with 38 gold first-place medals to 17 for Sweden.

The following unofficial table is compiled by awarding 10 points to each first-place winner, five for second, four for three, etc.

Nation—	A	B	C	D
United States	654	5	3	662
Sweden	348½	3	1½	353
France	222	4½	4	230½
Hungary	173	28½	x	201½
Italy	178	5	x	183
Great Britain	166	x	4	170
Finland	96½	61½	x	158
Switzerland	86	65½	x	151½
Denmark	141	2	x	143
Holland	117	2	x	119
Czechoslovakia	71	22	x	93
Turkey	88	x	x	88
Australia	85	x	x	85
Norway	65	x	x	65
Argentina	62½	x	x	62½
Belgium	58	x	x	58
Mexico	16½	x	25	41½
Austria	40	1	x	41
Egypt	39	x	x	39
Canada	35	x	x	35
South Africa	35	x	x	35
Jamaica	29	x	x	29
Yugoslavia	17	x	x	17
Korea	15	x	x	15
Uruguay	15	x	x	15
Peru	13½	x	x	13½
Spain	5	x	6½	11½
Poland	10	x	x	10
India	10	x	x	10
Brazil	9	x	x	9
Portugal	9	x	x	9
Panama	8	x	x	8
Iran	6	x	x	6
Ceylon	5	x	x	5
Cuba	5	x	x	5
Trinidad	5	x	x	5
Puerto Rico	4	x	x	4
Pakistan	3	x	x	3
Philippines	1½	x	x	1½
Chile	1	x	x	1

A—Previous total
B—Fencing, men's individual, women's team
C—Equestrian
D—Final, unofficial total

Ewell Feted in Return to Penna. Home

Afro American

Sat. 9-18-48

LANCASTER, Pa. — Olympic Star Barney Ewell returned home last week to receve a hearty welcome from his fellow townsmen.

The 31-year-old sprinter, winner of two silver medals and one gold one at the international competition in London, was accorded the greatest ovation ever given a local athlete. Met at the railroad station on Tuesday, Ewell was guest of honor in a parade through the center of the city and at welcoming ceremonies held on the athletic field of Edward Hand Junior High School, where he scored his earliest track triumphs.

Baltimore Md.

A crowd estimated at 6,000 attended the ceremonies at the school and heard Ewell relate his experiences at the Olympic Games and in post-Olympic meets in several European nations.

Other speakers included Mayor Dale E. Cary, Assistant District Attorney John W. Beyer, James J. Neeley, athletic director at McCaskey High School, and Charles W. Mayer, a professor at Franklin and Marshall College.

COLUMBIA RUNNERS WORKING OVER THE BOARDS FOR THE INDOOR CAMPAIGN

Coach Carl Merner watching his charges in drill at South Field yesterday. The trackmen are (left to right) Julian Rolandelli, Frank Cassidy, Marvin Berkman, Walter Hawkes, Albert Holland Jr., Hubert Brandt and David Ilchert. Times. N.Y. N.Y. The New York Times

Des Moines IOWA

The Bystander

OLYMPIC SPRINTER TRAINS WITH SOCCER CLUB

British Amateur Athletic Association sprinter, McDonald Bailey, born in Trinidad, British West Indies, will run for the United Kingdom in the Olympic Games, to be held from July 20 to August 14 in Britain. A rooter for the London Soccer Club, Queen's Park Rangers, he is training with the club's players. Main site of the Olympic Game will be London's Webly stadium.

Picture shows: McDonald Bailey, (center) training for the event with Rangers (left to right) Ramscar, McEwan, Durrant and G. Smith.

Douglas And Robeson Win At West Point

The Defender

WEST POINT, N.Y.— Herb Douglas, University of Pittsburgh, won the broad jump in the West Point relays.

Douglas, who formerly attended Xavier, jumped 22 feet, 11 inches.

Chicago Ill.

Stan Beckett, Syracuse, won the 60-yard dash in 6.4 seconds. Douglas was third.

Paul Robeson Jr., was victor in the high jump. He leaped 6 feet, 2½ inches.

Clarence Doak, who also attended Xavier along with Douglas, placed second in the 80-yard low hurdles.

He also is a member of the University of Pittsburgh thinclads.

ACE HURDLER GOES 120 YARDS IN 0:13.6

The Times
New York, N.Y.

Dillard Clips World Record by Tenth of a Second at Kansas Track Meet

Sun. 4-18-48

FONVILLE WINS SHOT-PUT

Sets Mark of 58 Feet ¼ Inch —Mondschein Second to Baker in Decathlon

By The Associated Press.

LAWRENCE, Kan., April 17—Michigan's mighty shot-putter, Charles Fonville, and Baldwin-Wallace's star hurdler, Harrison Dillard, raised United States Olympic hopes with performances that bettered world records at the Kansas Relays today.

Fonville pushed the 16-pound shot 58 feet ¼ inch to top the recognized world mark of 57 feet 1 inch, set by the former Louisiana State University giant, Jack Torrance, at Oslo, Norway, in 1934.

Dillard won his fifty-second consecutive race as he skimmed the 120-yard high hurdles in 13.6 seconds, a full tenth of a second under the world and intercollegiate mark established by Forrest (Spec) Towns in 1936 and equaled by Fred Wolcott of Rice Institute in 1941. Sun.

Fonville, 195-pound pre-dental student, let go his record toss in his second preliminary try when only a few hundred fans were in the stands. He did not try again in the afternoon finals, but each of his four qualifying puts topped the Kansas Relay mark of 52 feet 1½ inches by Elmer Hackney of Kansas State in 1939. 4-18-48

Referee Frank Potts, University of Colorado coach, announced that the performances of Fonville and Dillard would be recognized as Kansas Relays records and that application for recognition as world standards also would be made.

Dillard won the high hurdles without being pushed. He broke fast and had a 10-yard advantage over the runner-up, Clyde (Smackover) Scott of the University of Arkansas, at the finish.

Dillard had served warning in the qualifying heats that he was out for a record. He won the trials in 14 seconds flat, two-tenths of a second under the meet mark. Two timers caught him at 13.9 seconds and another at 13.8.

Mondschein Close Second

Charles Baker of the University of Arkansas, competing unattached, won the decathlon event with 6,730 points. In sixth place at the end of the first five events yesterday, Baker came through in spectacular fashion today to defeat Irving (Moon) Mondschein, New York University's three-time national A.A.U. champion, who placed second with 6,667 points.

The Arkansas ace won the pole vault at 12 feet 4¾ inches, the javelin throw, 178 feet 3 inches, and the discus, 136 feet 5 inches. He placed second in the 110-meter dash before closing out the ten-event grind with a ninth place in the 1,500-meter run.

James Roberson, Indiana University, finished a strong third with 6,454 points. Bill Weaver, University of Oklahoma, moved into fourth place by winning the 1,500-meter run in 4:36.5.

Jack McEwen, defending champion from the University of Colorado, withdrew after eight events with 5,398 points, good for eleventh place. 4-18-48

Four other meet records were established as the relay meet came up with one of the strongest fields in its history.

The University of Wisconsin two-mile relay team was clocked at 7:44.7 in breaking the meet record of 7:45.7 set by Kansas State in 1935. Don Gehrmann anchored his Badger team-mates with a 1:52.8 quarter that outdistanced second place Missouri's Alvin Jenson. Jack Kamner and Gene Whipple teamed with Gehrmann.

Dave Bolen, University of Colorado graduate student competing unattached, ran the 400-meter hurdles in 53 seconds flat, two and four-tenths seconds under the old record by Herman Nelson of Oklahoma twelve years ago. It was Bolen's first competitive hurdles race. He got considerable pushing from Richard Ault, Missouri, who placed second. The Times

East Texas State cracked the college sprint medley record in 3:31. The former mark of 3:47.2 was set by Abilene Christian last year. New York, N.Y.

Flying Charlie Parker of Texas, another United States Olympic hopeful, came within a tenth of a second of the world, intercollegiate and relays record in winning the 100-yard dash in 9.5 seconds. He was trailed to the tape by Maurice Fuquay, Oklahoma A. and M., Perry Samuels of Texas and Harry Guth of Missouri in that order. Sun. 4-18-48

Fonville: Warm Day Helps; Dillard: Thought Time 13.9

Des Moines Sunday Register
Des Moines, Iowa

By Maury White. Sun. 4-18-48

(Sunday Register Staff Writer.)

LAWRENCE, KAN.—Wanta know what's said when a couple of guys who have just broken world track records get together? Here's what transpired Saturday at the Kansas Relays:

Big, powerful Charley Fonville of Michigan ambled over to little Harrison Dillard, who was still breathing hard from his remarkable trip over the high hurdles, and stuck out the best shot-putting hand in the world.

"I been looking for you, Harrison," he smiled. "You did real good today!" 4-18-48

"You didn't do bad yourself, Chuck," grinned the Baldwin-Wallace star. "Just wait a minute until I catch my breath." Des Moines, Iowa

He had it in a minute—and that was the only "part" of Dillard that was caught all day. Des Moines Sunday Register

"13.6 . . . that's a lot better than I thought I could do today," said Dillard. I thought maybe I was running about 13.9. Register

"I guess maybe it might be a record. Someone said there was only a one-mile wind behind me." (Kansas officials announced that the wind velocity was two miles per hour at the time of the race. **It will be recognized as a relays** record and submitted for a world mark.) Des Moines, Iowa

Those who saw Dillard effortlessly skim the barriers knew that something in the manner of records was in the making.

He was ahead by the first hurdle, and by finish time he had increased his margin to four yards. Des Moines Sunday Register

Fonville, who sent the shot sailing almost a foot farther than anyone ever has before, was noncommittal as to his great performance. He tossed the shot 58 feet ¼ inch. Sun. 4-18-48

"I guess it was the warm day that made the difference," he said. "I didn't do anything special or different.

"Didn't expect to break no records, either," he insisted. 'You know I hurt my back a week ago . . . I'm not going to throw the discus on account of that."

"It's the best I ever done all right," he pointed out. "In practice I've never gone over 56 **feet 11 inches.**

Dillard In Hurdles, Fonville In Shot, Clip World Marks

The Courier-Journal
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Two mile university relay—Wisconsin (Jenson, Kamner, Whipple, and Gehrmann). Time, 7:44.7. (Betters Kansas Relays record of 7:45.7 set by Kansas State in 1935).

Two mile college relay—Abilene Christian College (Forrest, Middleton, Mason, Terry). Time, 8:11.2.

880-yard college relay—Baldwin-Wallace (Mahuts, Raynard, Katzman, Dillard). Time, 1:27.6.

440-yard university relay—Texas (Robertson, Samuels, Lawler, Parker. Time, :41.4.

400-meter hurdles—Dave Bolen, Colorado. Time, 53.0. (Betters Kansas Relays records of 55.4 set by Herman Nelson, Oklahoma in 1936.)

1,500-meter run (Glenn Cunningham mile)—Cy Perkins, Illinois A. C. Time, 3:57.2.

Discus—Fortune Gordien, Minnesota; 151 feet 5⅞ inches.

Shot put—Charles Fonville, Michigan, 58 ft. ¼ in. (Betters world's record of 57 ft. 1 in. set by Jack Torrence, L. S. U., in 1934.) (New meet record, old record of 52 feet 1½ in. set by Elmer Hackney, Kansas State, 1939.)

Hop, step and jump—John Gaugh, Oklahoma, 46 ft. ⅛ in.

University sprint medley—Oklahoma A. & M. (Voight, Bay, Fuquay, Tarrant).

Invitation college sprint medley relay—Ottawa (Morgan, Kimbrough, Deering, Browning). Time, 3:40.0.

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Invitation college sprint medley relay—Ottawa (Morgan, Kimbrough, Deering, Browning). Time, 3:40.0.

University four-mile relay—Texas A. & M. (Stone, McLaughlin; Hamton, Mann). Time, 18:02.5.

College sprint medley—East Texas State (Valls, Salinas, Colorado, Mercado). Time, 3:31. (Betters Kansas Relays mark of 3:47.2 set by Abilene Christian in 1947.)

Broad jump—George Kailus, Wisconsin, 24 ft. 2¾ in.

Javelin—Frank Guess, Texas, 202 ft. 1¾ inches.

Pole vault—Warren Bateman, Colorado, and Harry Cooper, Minnesota (tied) 13 ft. 8 in.

High jump—Dwight Eddleman, Illinois, 6 ft. 5⅝ in.

A.A.U. 3,000 meter steeple chase—Forest Efaw, Oklahoma A. & M. (unattached). Time, 9:53.2.

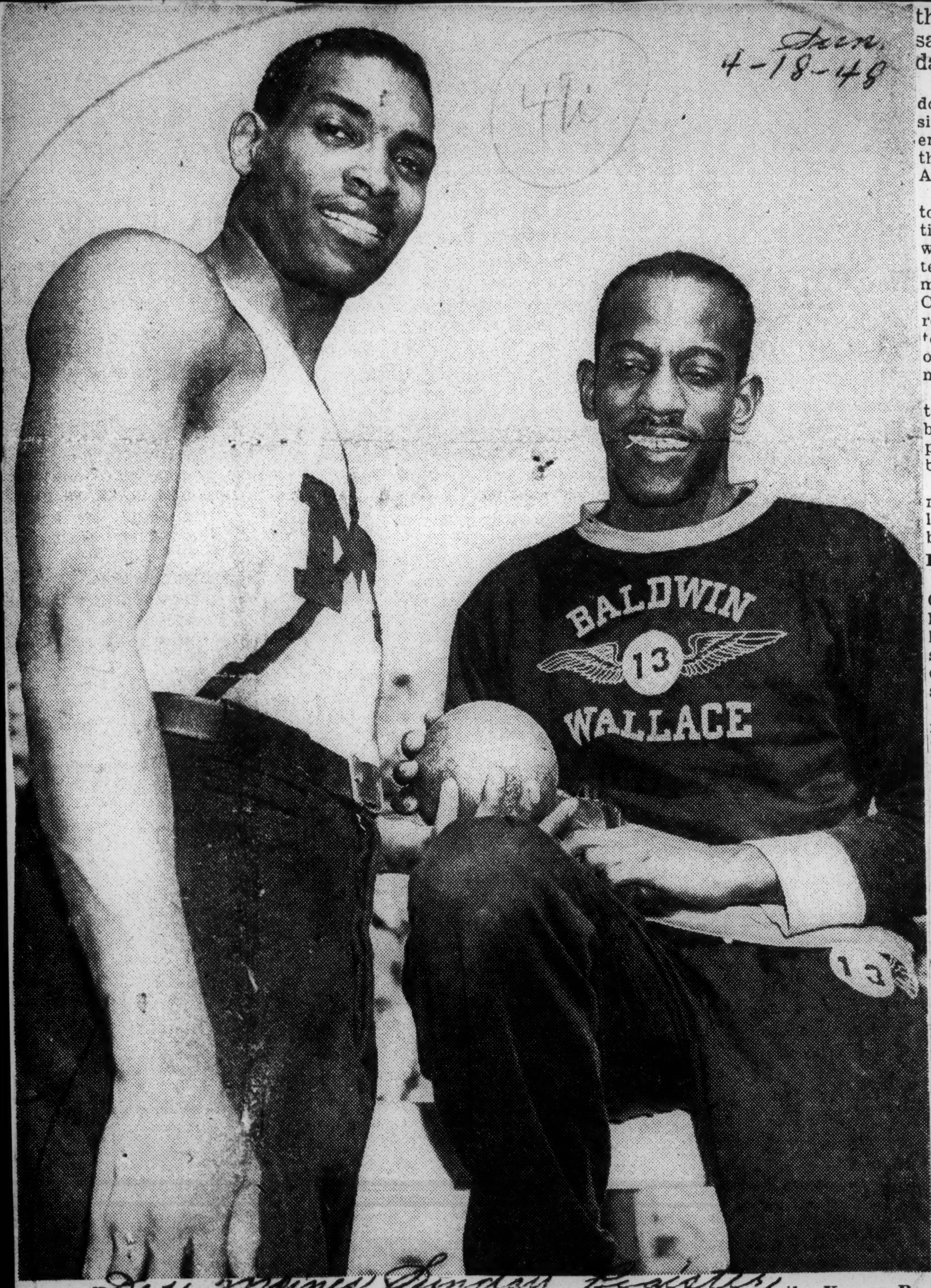
University half mile relay—Missouri (Klein, Phillips, Schuster, Guth). Time, 1:26.2.

University distance medley—Texas (Kidd, Hanson, Sparks, Thompson). Time, 10:18.4.

One-mile college relay—East Texas State (Colorado, Salinas, Valls, Mercado). Time, 3:21.0.

One-mile university relay—Texas A. & M. (Don Corden, Bilderback, Holbrook, Harnden). Time, 3:15.6. (Betters the old record of 3:16.1 set by Texas in 1935.)

Sun. 4-18-48



Des Moines Sunday Register

MIGHTY MEN—These two athletes sent world records spinning Saturday at the Kansas Relays. Charley Fonville (left) of Michigan pushed the shot 58 feet ¼ inch, while the gent sitting on the hurdle at the right is Harrison Dillard of Baldwin-Wallace, who flew over the 120-yard high sticks in 13.6 seconds.

Des Mo. Sun. 4-18-48

Fonville Shatters 14-Year-Old World Mark

Pittsburgh

LAWRENCE, Kans.—The University of Michigan's fabulous Charles Fonville, former Detroit Miller High School athlete, cracked a 14-year-old world shotput record in the preliminary trials of the twenty-third annual Kansas Relays, held here Saturday.

Making his first start of the outdoor season, Fonville heaved the sixteen-pound iron weight fifty-seven feet and one inch, established by the gigantic Jack Torrence on Aug. 5, 1934 at Oslo.

In the indoor season Fonville topped the fifty-six foot mark six times in seven meets and set a world indoor record of fifty-six feet, ten and five-eights inches in a dual meet with Ohio State last February. Chuck's toss also established a new record for the Kansas relays bettering the mark of fifty-two feet, one and one-half inches set by Elmer Hackney of Kansas State.

One of the smallest shot-putters to make a toss of fifty-two feet or better, Fonville weighs a mere 194 pounds as compared to Torrence's bulky 265-pound frame.

Born in Birmingham, Ala. and raised in Decatur, Ill., "Chuck" has lived in Detroit since 1944. He will be 21 on April 27.

DILLARD SETS MARK

Meanwhile Baldwin Wallace's Olympic sure shot, Harrison Dillard, was flying over the 120-yard high hurdles in the world-record-smashing time of 0:13.6, one tenth of a second under the world mark set by Forrest Towns in 1936.

It was the Buckeye timber-skimmer's fifty-second consecutive victory.

Dillard, Fonville Crack World Records at Kansas

LAWRENCE, Kans.— Harrison Dillard, Baldwin-Wallace crack hurdler, and Charles (Chuck) Fonville, Michigan University's shot-putter, broke world marks here Saturday in their specialties, giving United States Olympic hopes a terrific boost.

Dillard won his fifty-fifth straight competitive race as he tipped over the hurdles in the 120-yard high hurdles in 13.6 seconds, a full tenth second under the world and intercollegiate mark established by Forrest Towns in 1936 and equalled by Fred Wolcott of Rice Institute in 1941.

Fonville tossed the 16-pound ball 58 feet, ½ inch to better the recognized world standard of 57 feet, 1 inch, set by Jack Torrance at Osla, Norway, in 1934.

Every Try a Record

Fonville, 195-pound predental student, made his record heave on his second preliminary attempt and did not try again in the afternoon finals, but each of his four qualifying heaves topped the Kansas relay mark of 52 feet, 1½ inches made by Elmer Hackney in 1939.

Dillard won the high hurdles without being pushed. He got a fast start and had a good 10-yard edge over the runner-up Clyde Scott, University of Arkansas, at the tape.

Dillard won the trials in 14 seconds flat, two-tenths of a second under the meet mark. Two timers caught him at 13.9 seconds and another at 13.8.

Sat. 4-24-48

Referee Frank Potts, University of Colorado coach, announced that the performances of Fonville and Dillard would be recognized as Kansas Relays records and that application for world standards also would be made.

Fonville will participate in the Penn Relays this week end at Philadelphia, shooting for the Relay record of 55 feet, 5.3 inches made by Al Blozis in 1941.

Post New York N.Y. 1-12-48

John B. Fitzpatrick, Grand Knight of Columbus Council, K of C, presents Herb McKenley with the Bishop Molloy Trophy which went to the winner of the 500-yard invitation run at the K of C games Saturday night in Brooklyn. PM New York, N.Y. Mon. 1-12-48

McKenley Again Breaks Record For 440-Yard Dash With 0:46.2

Herald Tribune New York, N.Y.

Sun. 6-27-48

Jamaican Lowers Own Recognized Mark by Tenth of Second; Pearman Beats Mealey by 2 Feet in 880 at Metropolitan A. A. U. Title Meet

Herbert McKenley, an invited guest, cracked his own world 440-yard record for the second time in three weeks with a 46.2 second clocking in a special race as New York's Olympic hopefuls, led by Reggie Pearman in their last competitive outing at home, crashed through with four meet records in the fifty-ninth annual metropolitan A. A. U. senior championships at Randall's Island Stadium yesterday.

The long, limber, moustached McKenley, currently a New Yorker, who will be the Olympic 400-meter favorite for Jamaica, B. W. I., streaked the one-turn race in perfect weather on a lightning fast track in time that clipped a tenth second from the approved mark he hung up in Berkeley, Calif., a year ago. Three weeks ago in Berkeley he reduced this figure to 46 flat, a record that will go up for consideration by the A. A. U. Herald Tribune

McKenley's quarter, of course, was the fastest ever seen in Gotham. He has run two other 0:46.2s, in 1946 and 1947, in the West which failed to gain official approval. The fluent strides and brilliant speed of the Jamaican, who looks more invincible with every race that brings him closer to London, made a joke of the handicap field he faced. He allowed up to eighteen yards to Warren Bright, Bob Pruitt, a visitor from Southern California, and Art Rhodes, picked them all up with his jet propulsion down the long chute, and whirled up the home stretch an eighteen-yard winner. New York, N.Y.

Shows Olympic Form

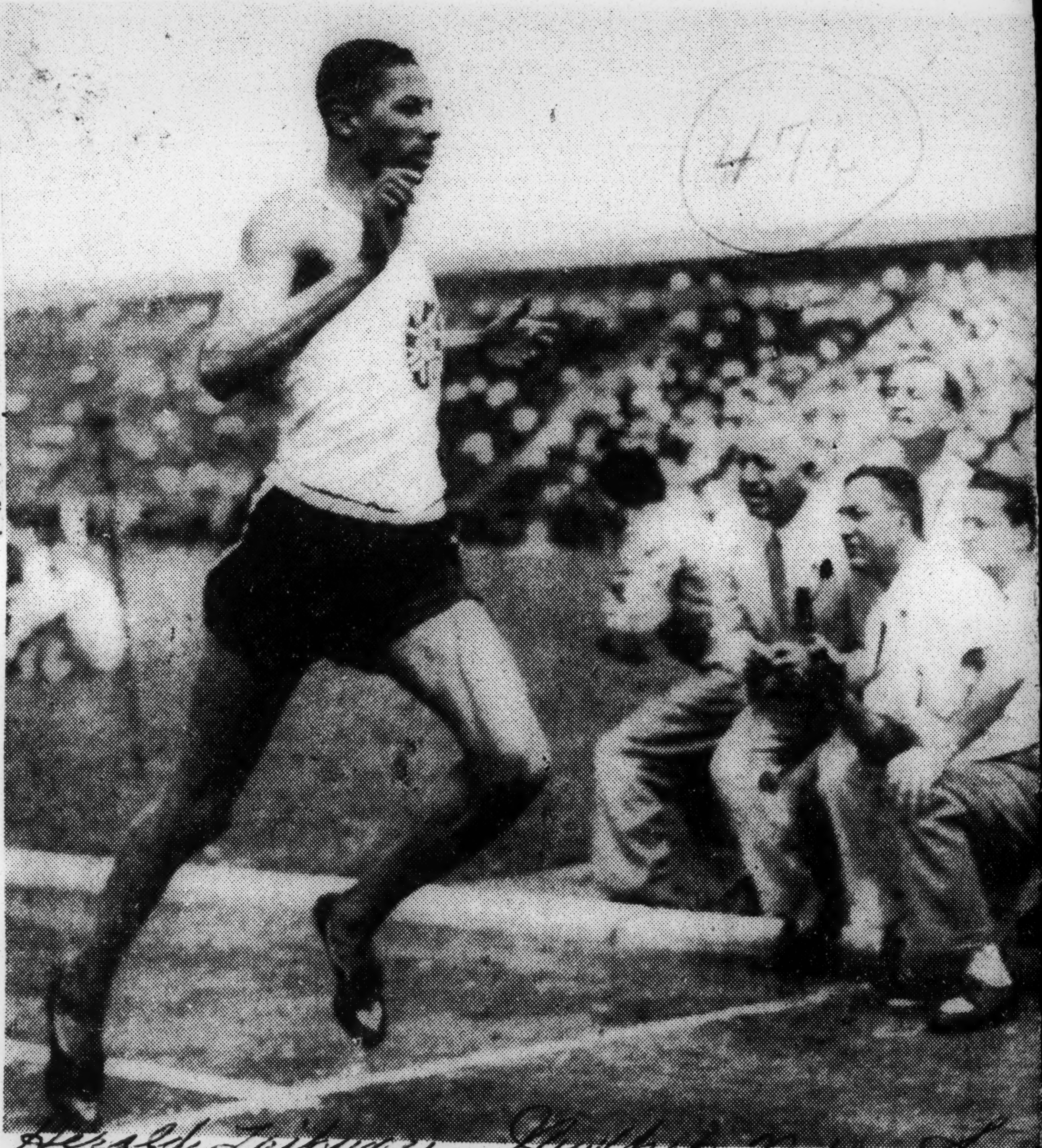
6-27-48

Three weeks ago on the same track McKenley ran 400 meters in 0:46.4 seconds for a track mark. He has settled down to his Olympic training program. No one on this side of the Atlantic and probably no one this side or that side of the Iron Curtain, is in his class.

McKenley Thinks Ricks Is the Man to Beat

Chicago [illegible]

CHICAGO — (ANP) — Herb McKenley, ex-University of Illinois 400-meter dash expert, who will represent his native Jamaica in the London Olympic games, thinks that his leading American opponents for that event are Norman (Scooter) Rucks of South Carolina and George Guida of Villanova.



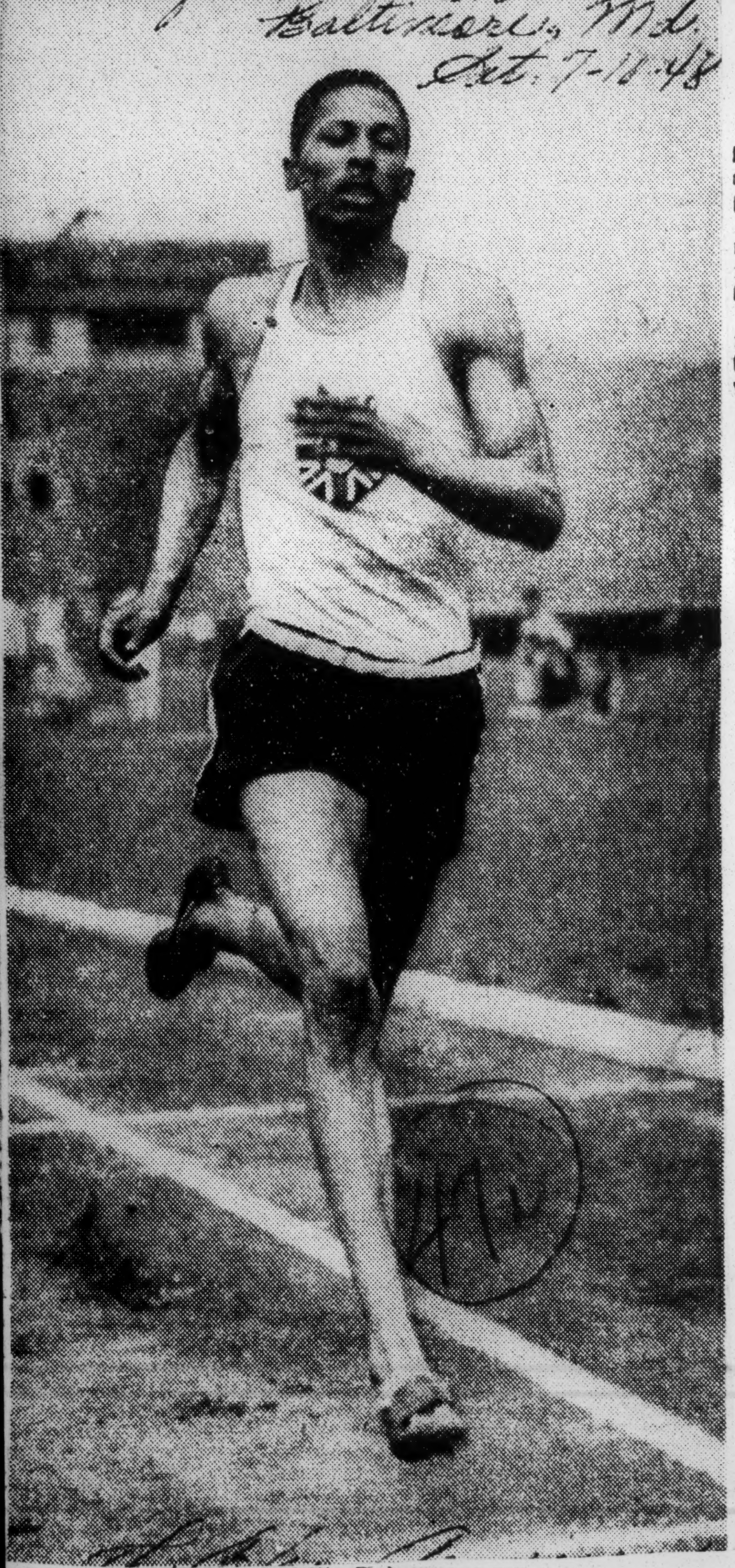
Herald Tribune New York, N.Y. Sun.

FAST QUARTER: Herb McKenley running the 440-yard dash in 46.2 seconds in the Triboro Stadium. Randalls Island yesterday 6-27-48

Herald Tribune—Frank

World's Fastest at 400 Meters

The Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.
Sat. 7-10-48



Herb McKenley flashing the speed which carried him to victory in 45.9 seconds, a new world record, in the 400 meters run at the 60th National AAU track and field games in Milwaukee, Wis., Friday. McKenley, who will represent Jamaica in the Olympics has run the 400 meters and 440-yard dash in world record time or better five times within the last month.

McKenley Beaten Twice in Australia Races

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.

MELBOURNE, Australia—Herb McKenley, evidently suffering from "sea legs," took it on the chin twice here last week as a pair of Aussie track stars defeated him in the Australian national championships here Saturday. Sat. 1-31-48

McKenley, world's 440-yard dash record-holder and generally regarded one of the all-time greats of track and field, suffered the first setback in his specialty, the 440. Winner was John Bartram in the ordinary time of 48.4 seconds.

Bartram came back again in the 100-yard dash to beat the former University of Illinois flash, this time running second to teammate John Treloar. The latter was clocked in 9.8 seconds with Bartram second and McKenley third.

M'KENLEY IS FIRST IN 400-METER RUN

Times

Sets Track Mark at Triborough Stadium—Rucks Next and McFarlane Is Third

New York, N.Y.

By JOSEPH M. SHEEHAN

Herbert McKenley failed in his attempt to break the world record for 400 meters yesterday. But the tall, slender Jamaican re-emphasized his rating as Olympic favorite by running away from a distinguished field in the fastest time ever registered in these parts.

Free-wheeling Herb whippeted around one turn of the fast Triborough Stadium track on Randalls Island in 0:46.4 to snap the tape seven yards in front of the South Carolina's Norman (Scooter) Rucks, the No. 1 native American quarter-miler on his 1948 record, and Bob McFarlane, Canada's champion. Sun. 6-13-48

This performance, clipping three-tenths of a second off the track record of 0:46.7, set by Cliff Bourland of Southern California in the National A.A.U. 1942 championships, provided the highlight for the 2,500 clock-conscious fans who turned out for the Sydenham Hospital benefit meet.

Race Run in Lanes

It was purely a stop-watch thrill, however. The race was run in lanes. McKenley, second from the outside, started in front of four of his five rivals and it was obvious, even with their staggered placing, that he was going away from the field. 6-13-48

This was confirmed when the runners came off the turn into the straightaway. Herb had almost ten yards on Rucks. The 25-year-old ex-GI from Malverne, L. I., a late-blooming sensation previously unuheard of hereabouts, held his form a bit better down the stretch and closed in a yard or two as McKenley tightened up under the strain of his blazing pace.

The huge McFarlane, a 20-year-old student at Western Ontario University who may well turn out to be a dark-horse at London, came with a tremendous rush up the final straightaway and finished just a stride behind Rucks.

The clockers caught Rucks in a sparkling 0:47.2 and credited McFarlane with 0:47.5. Jim Gilhooley of New York University was fourth in 0:48.5, time that Jim McKenna of the New York A. C. equaled in the second heat of the race, in which placings were decided on time.

Fonville Shows Form

Michigan's mighty Chuck Fonville, making his first metropolitan appearance, displayed his flawless shot put form and catapulted the 16-pound ball 56 feet 11 inches. This was more than a foot short of his pending world record but still the longest throw ever achieved here. In fact, Fonville himself has bettered this distance only once.

New York Times N.Y.

Bernie Mayer, with a good heave of 52-11, and Stanley Lampert, with 52-5½, were far outranged by the tall Wolverine, who also got off throws of 54-3 and 53-8.

Reggie Pearman still has not found his old-time kick in the half-mile. Passing up the 400 in favor of the 800, the national champion, at the latter distance, ran fifth as his Pioneer Club teammate, Roscoe Browne, skipped off with the race in the good time of 1:53.1.

Bob Rehberg, former Big Nine champion from Illinois, came up with a stretch sprint to take second from Seton Hall's Phil Thigpen, who had hustled over from Montclair, where he had won the New Jersey State mile title in the afternoon. They were five yards back in 1:53.6 and 1:53.7, respectively. 6-13-48

Bill Hulse of the New York A. C. kicked past Pearman on the final straight-away to finish a close fourth, also in 1:53.7. Pearman's 1:54.8 was his fastest of the year but his effort was disappointing in that he was in perfect position to do something coming off the last turn—but gave ground to the leaders.

Herb McKenley Shatters Own 440-Yard Mark

Daily World.
Atlanta, Ga.

BERKELEY, Cal. —(A N P) — Herb McKenley and Lloyd LaBeach assaulted several sprint records over the weekend at two California track meets, the Compton relays and the AAU track meet.

McKenley broke his own 440 yard record by three seconds in the AAU meet. He led his field by 10 yards and set a new mark of 46 seconds. He won the Compton 440 in 47.1. Wed. 6-9-48

LaBeach broke the 200 meter record, and equaled the record time for the 100 meters and 220 yard dashes. His time for the 200 meter sprint was 10.2 against a two mile an hour wind.

In two other races he tied marks held by Jesse Owens and served others in the 100 meters, 10.2 and the 220 yards, 20.3.

McKenley and LaBeach are considered the main threats to United States supremcay in the dashes in the Olympics. McKenley, who set several records for the University of Illinois the past two years, will represent his native Jamaica in London. 6-9-48

LaBeach, who blistered the track for Wisconsin a few years ago, will run for Panama in the international Olympic games.

McKenley Cuts 400 Meter Mark

Montgomery Advertiser

MILWAUKEE—(AP)—Herb McKenley, of Jamaica, with a burst of blinding speed that carried him 15 yards ahead of the field, battered the world's record for 400 meters Friday with a time of :45.9. The accepted record is :46.0, held by Rudolph Harbig of Germany and Grover Klemmer, of the United States.

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Dillard won his sprint heat in the National Amateur Athletic Union championships in the brilliant time of :10.5 with a strong quartering wind, defeating Don Anderson of the University of California by two yards.

Dillard, considered a certain member of the American Olympic team in the high hurdles, is now in a position to win a place at 100 meters as well. His heat victory was another in the glittering string he has spun since May 31, 1947, numbering 82 final consecutive victories and some 175 preliminary firsts.

Wins First Heat At AAU Trials In 45.9 Seconds

New York, N.Y.
Sun 7-4-48

MILWAUKEE, July 2 (AP)—Herb McKenley of Jamaica, with a burst of blinding speed that carried him 15 yards ahead of the field, bettered the world record for 400 meters today with a time of 45.9 seconds. The accepted record is 46.0, held by Rudolf Harbig of Germany and Grover Klemmer of the U. S.

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Earlier this year, McKenley ran 440 yards in 46 seconds at Berkeley, Cal., bettering his own world record of 46.3. As the 440 yards is almost three yards longer than the 400 meters, McKenley's time today is consistent with his earlier mark.

"I figured that if I could do the quarter in 46 flat, I can cut one of two tenths under it in the 400 meters," said McKenley.

Phototimer on Hand

There was a full complement of official timers, and a photo-timer on hand for the races today.

McKenley won by a full 15 yards over Joe Nebelon of Washington State College, with Orval Johnson of the University of Michigan a close third.

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Dillard, who bettered the world 120-yard high hurdle record by one-tenth of a second when he did 13.6 at the Kansas Relays, will face a redoubtable field if he continues through to the 100-meter AAU finals. Lloyd La Beach, who will represent Panama at the Olympic Games, equalled Dillard's time in winning his own heat, the best of the day. Sun 7-4-48

La Beach, who has been timed in 10.2 for 100 meters, equaling the world record, bested Charles Peters of Indiana University, the Big Nine champion, by two yards.

Twelve in all qualified for the 100-meter semi-finals, including Bill Mathis of the New York Pioneer Club, the present National AAU champion, who pulled up lame after finishing second to Barney Ewell of Lancaster, Pa., the national 200-meter chamipon.

PEARMAN BREAKS HALF-MILE RECORD

The Times
New York, N.Y.

Three Other Meet Standards Fall in Metropolitan A. A. U. Games—McKenley Stars

Sun. 6-27-48

By JOSEPH M. SHEEHAN

Putting forth their best efforts in a final tune-up for the national championships and semi-final Olympic tryouts at Milwaukee next week, New York's track and field athletes broke four meet records yesterday in the fifty-ninth annual Metropolitan A. A. U. championships.

A slim gathering at Randalls Island received an additional thrill when Herbert McKenley of Jamaica, in a convincing exhibition of the speed that is expected to carry him to the Olympic 400-meter title, bettered his world record 440-yard mark with a clocking of 0:46.2 in a special handicap event.

Local Record Smashers

The Times

The local record-breakers were:

1—Reginald Pearman, New York University sophomore representing the Pioneer Club, who achieved 1:52.2 in a sparkling return to his 1947 half-mile form.

2—Ennis Gray, Fordham graduate representing the New York A. C., who skipped over the 440-yard hurdles in the major league time of 0:53.2. New York, N.Y.

3—Warren Halliburton, New York University senior representing the Pioneer Club, who won the 220-yard low hurdles in 0:23.6.

4—Henry Laskau of the Maccabi A. C., the No. 1 United States Olympic representative in the 10,000-meter walk, who heel-and-toed two miles in 14:16.4. Sun.

Another outstanding performer, as the New York A. C. outscored the Pioneer Club, 119½ points to 69½, in retaining its oft-won team title, was Sam Felton. 6-27-48

Harvard Graduate Stars

This 1948 Harvard graduate stamped himself as a contender for Olympic honors in the hammer throw by whirling the 16-pound ball 183 feet 5 inches, the best throw by an American in years. He tied with Jim Scholtz, a Winged Foot clubmate from Army, for first place in the discus at 152 feet 2½ inches and also bagged a third in the 56-pound weight throw.

Other notable racing efforts were returned by Ed Conwell of Jersey City, who beat Tom Carey, defending champion, and Billy Mathis, National champion, in a 9.7-second 100; Jim Conway, school boy star of the Pioneer Club, who upset Eddie O'Toole, National 10,000-meter champion, in retaining his six-mile crown in 31:29.2.

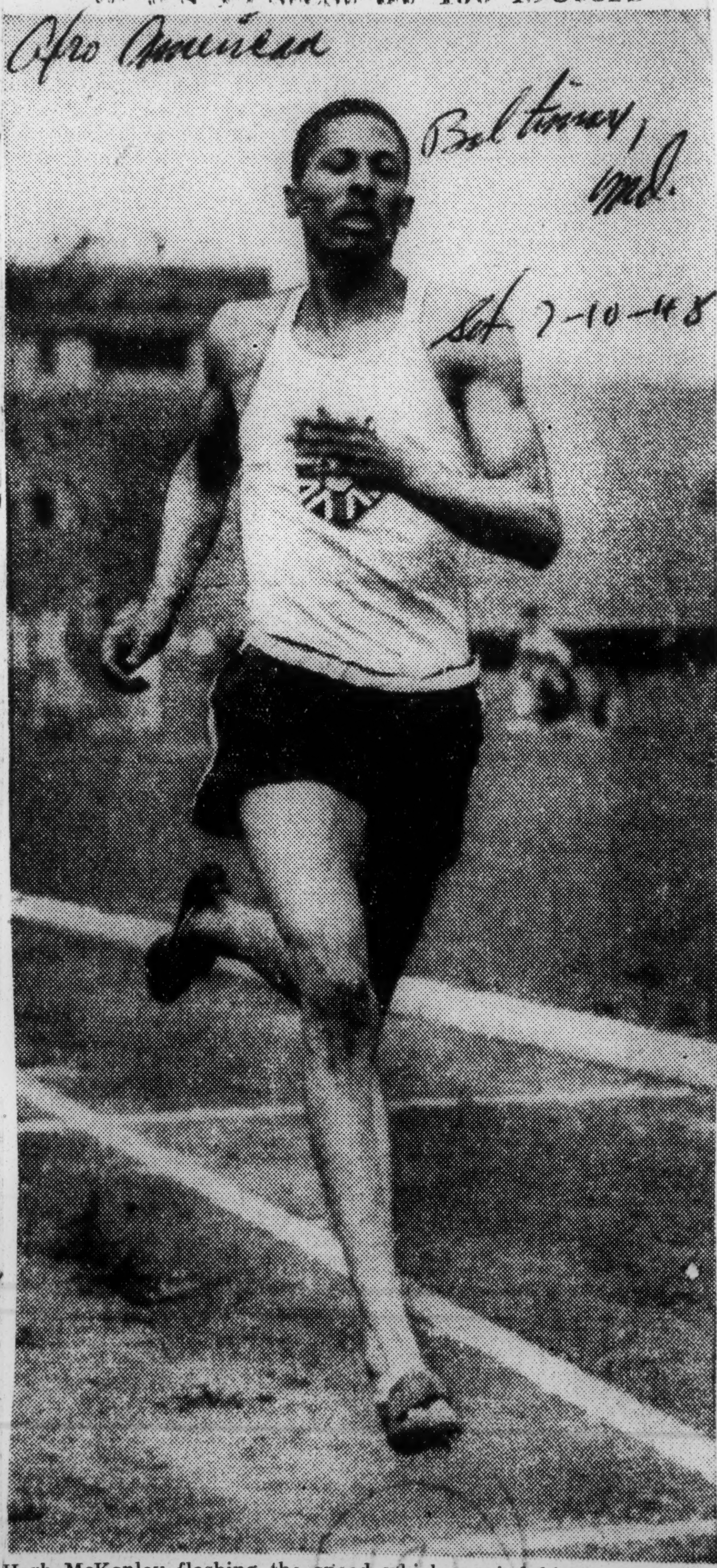
The Times

Others who distinguished themselves in the field events were Bill Vessie and John Vislocky, who tied at 6 feet 6½ inches in the high jump, and Bernie Mayer, who retained his shot-put crown with a toss of 53 feet. Vessie, back in form after failing to place in the national collegiates last week, also took a second in the javelin.

New York, N.Y.

Harry McDonnell of Fordham and the Police Sports Association, also shut out at Minneapolis, scored a surprise triumph over an all-star field in the 440. Outdriving his rivals in the stretch McDonnell snapped the tape in 0:48.5, a foot and a half in front of the blanketed Roscoe Brown, Jack Hammack (third in the N.C.A.A. 400) and Jim Gilhooley. Sun 6-27-48

World's Fastest at 400 Meters



Afro American
Baltimore, Md.
Sat 7-10-48

Herb McKenley flashing the speed which carried him to victory in 45.9 seconds, a new world record, in the 400 meters run at the 60th National AAU track and field games in Milwaukee, Wis., Friday. McKenley, who will represent Jamaica in the Olympics has run the 400 meters and 440-yard dash in world record time or better five times within the last month.

¶ At Milwaukee, Herb McKenley, long-legged Jamaica Negro, ran the 400-meter National A.A.U. championship in 45.9 (slicing a tenth of a second off the world record). Next day, Negro Harrison Dillard lost his first race in 83 starts; he overdid himself by running four races in little over one hour, lost two finals.

Chicago Ill

McKenley's 440 Mark Approved

Courier
Pittsburgh Pa.
Sat 5-29-48

LONDON—(ANP)—Herb McKenley's 440-yard run in 46.3 seconds was officially recognized by the International Amateur Athletic Federation here Friday as being the world record. The mark, established last year was one of three which the IAAA declared official.

~~The former~~ University of Illinois star, who is Jamaica born, stepped off 440 yards in 46.3 seconds at Berkeley, Cal., last June 28, to eclipse the 46.4 seconds held jointly by Ben Eastman and Grover Klemmer.

University of California's Mel Patton was named the official coholder of the 100-yard dash record with Frank Wykoff, Jesse Owens and Clyde Jeffry of the United States and D. J. Joubert of South Africa. He set a time of 9.4 seconds at Los Angeles last May 24. The record for the 15-mile run was awarded to Finland's Mikko Hietanen.

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Sat 7-24-48
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DON BARKSDALE, former University of California, at Los Angeles cage, track and football star, and more recently with the Oakland, Calif., Bittners, sailed with the United States Olympic basketball team. He was chosen to represent this country along with the Tulsa Oilers and two members of the University of Kentucky team. 7-24-48

Chicago Ill Sat 7-24-48

OLYMPIC SPIRIT

Tulsa Tribune

The spirit of the Olympic games is in the air this week, because of the try-outs for the American team at Dyche stadium. On that account, this column, always eager to soak up and diffuse timely information, has been skimming thru a book that tells all there is to know about the eleven Olympiads which have been passed into history since their revival in 1896. This work is "An Approved History of the Olympic Games," by Bill Henry; Putnam's Sons, New York, 1948.

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First of all, we will repeat, for the benefit of victory-worshipers who may have forgotten, the impressive words which state the spirit of the games, written by their founder, Pierre de Coubertin of France:

"The important thing in life is not the victory, but the struggle; the essential thing is not to have conquered, but to have fought well. To spread these precepts is to develop a more valiant, more strong, more scrupulous, and more generous humanity."

Chicago, Ill

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Bill Henry supplements Coubertin's statement of principles with this interpretation:

"Peace, Coubertin hoped and believed, would be furthered by the games. He said so on many occasions. But peace could only be the product of a better world; a better world could be brought about only by better individuals; and better individuals, Coubertin believed, could be developed only by the give-and-take, the buffeting and battering, the stress and strain of fierce competition."

Times

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In dealing with the Berlin Olympiad of 1936, Henry gives the facts in the case of Hitler vs. Jesse Owens. He says of this story, which is still believed, "It is an outstanding example of the type of myth fostered by excess emotionalism."

7-8-48

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On the first day, the first championship (shot-put) was won by a German; another German finished third. The two athletes were escorted to Hitler's box, where the fuehrer greeted them. The next winners (10,000 meter run) were three Finns; they too were taken to Hitler's box. Before any other events were completed, Hitler left the stadium. The high jump was finished at dusk, and American Negroes, Johnson and Albritton, were first and third. But Hitler was not there, and the controversy started.

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Jesse Owens did not win the first of his four championships until two days later. Furthermore, observing that Hitler had congratulated the winners of two events, the president of the international committee sent word to the fuehrer to this effect: As patron of the games he was a guest of honor, nothing more, and unless he was prepared to be at hand every day and congratulate every winner, he should refrain from publicly congratulating any of them. Hitler agreed, and kept his word.

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Therefore, it seems that the man who was snubbed at the Berlin games was not Jesse Owens, their greatest champion, but Adolf Hitler himself. 7-8-48

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U. S. Track Team To Form In N. Y.

Fri 7-16-48

Evanston, Ill., July 11 (AP)—Fifty members of the 65-man track and field squad which will wear the U. S. Olympic shield into the coming London games departed for New York today. They left behind them a trail of broken records and broken hearts.

The 50 athletes earned their places on the American team by surviving the final tryouts at Northwestern University's Dyche Stadium Friday and Saturday. It was a meet which abounded in sparkling performances, but doomed nearly 150 other aspirants to bitter disappointment.

In New York the successful spikesters will be joined by the 15 men who made the track squad in earlier trials as well as teams in other sports for the coveted overseas trip beginning Wednesday.

STRONG

Headed by such swifties as Mel Patton, Barney Ewell and Mal Whitfield, the U. S. team appears strong enough to carry on the tradition of American domination in Olympic track and field. Perhaps it may match the feat of its 1936 counterpart in winning 12 of the 24 events. While you can't break an Olympic record in the tryouts, it is significant that seven of the existing Olympic standards were surpassed here this week end and another was equalled.

But shattered hopes and broken dreams outnumbered the records which were clipped. If it is a consolation to the other nations the Americans won't even have the service of the world's great shot putter and nation's fastest miler. And the best hurdler of them all will be confined to flat racing at Wembley. Followers of the sport still shook their heads today over the failure of Charley Fonville, the Michigan weight star, to make the team in the shot put.

AMAZED

Some shared the amazement of Harrison Dillard the Baldwin Wallace timber topper who has been in something of a daze since he got tangled up and failed to finish in the 110-meter hurdle final.

Others still wondered what prompted Gilbert Dodds, the National 1,500-meter champion from the Boston Athletic Association, to run in an unimportant exhibition as late as last Monday, thus aggravating a leg injury that caused him to miss the tryouts and the boat. Although Dodds' chance for a victory over the Swedes at 1,500 meters was questionable, both Dillard and Fonville had been considered sure winners of Olympic titles. Both had bettered the world record in their specialties this season.

FINSHES 3D

The speedy Dillard won't be left behind with Fonville and Dodds, however. He finished third behind Ewell and Patton in the 100-meter dash here, qualifying to run that event in London and appear with our 400-meter relay team as well.

Even Patton was the victim of an upset. Blessed with the most talked about underpinnings since Betty Grable, the Southern California speedster was favored to lead the fields in both sprints here and perhaps take both titles in the Olympics.

In the 100-meter dash, however, he found himself finishing second to Ewell, the 31-year-old former Penn State star who equalled the world record of 10.2 seconds.

Patton turned the tables in the 200, which he stepped in 20.7 seconds to tie the unofficial world mark for the distance around a curve.

Besides this par, Whitfield stands as the only other man with a chance to take two individual Olympic titles. The Ohio State flash captured the 400-meter final here in 46.6 seconds and 800 in 1:50.6 to become the only double winner of the tryouts.

NEGRO GIRLS GRAB OFF MOST OF THE OLYMPIC TEAM BERTHS

Sat 7-17-48

PROVIDENCE, R. I. — Thinclad Negro girls ran away with most of the honors and most of the Olympic berths at the final Olympic trials here at Brown university last Monday.

Veteran performer, and ex-Tuskegee ace, Alice Coachman, took the highjump with a 5' 4¾" leap, kept trying after the Olympic record 5'5¼" until darkness caught up with her. Her winning leap was an inch and a half over the present AAU mark.

In an unofficial event, Tuskegee's half-mile medley quartet clipped 3.2 seconds off the American record. Because of disappointing showings, this event was used to pick some of the official 11-girl U. S. team.

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Picked for the team were: Audry Patterson, Nashville. Tenn., in the 100 and 200-meters; Nell Jackson, Tuskegee Institute, 200-meters; Bernice Robinson, Chicago, 80-meters hurdles and highjump; Theresa Manuel, Tuskegee, 80-meters hurdles and javelin; Mable Walker, Tuskegee, 100-meters; Alice Coachman, Albany, Ga., highjump; Emma Reed, Nashville, broad & highjumps; Mrs. Francis Kaszubski, Cleveland, Discus and shotput; Mrs. Dorothy Dodson, Chicago, shotput and javelin; Lillian Young (sister of Buddy Young), Chicago, 100-meters; and Mae Faggs, New York, 200-meters.

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There were to be some last minute additions to the squad said Olympic women's track and field committee chairman Mrs. Catherine Donovan Meyer. At this writing, however, the selections had not been made. The team sailed Thursday afternoon.

Forest Efaw
Steeplechase

Earle Meadows
Pole Vault

Richard Morcum
Pole Vault

Barney Ewell
Sprints

Irv Mondschein
Decathlon

George Guida
400 Meters

Experts Say US In Sprints But Cinches In No Events

The Record Columbia, S.C.
Thurs 7-29-48

Host Of Darkhorses Could Upset Dope; Several Clean Sweeps Seen For Yanks

LONDON, July 29—(UP)—The crystal-gazing experts today gave the United States a good chance of winning the sprint races and three field events in the Olympic track and field competition, but refused to call the Yanks "certain" in any event.

The Americans faced known tough opposition everywhere in the program, and there were a host of "dark-horse" hopefuls who could upset the dope.

Here is the consensus of track and field experts here on how track and field events shape up:

100-meters—Lloyd Leabeach of Panama is favored by an eyelash over the Americans' big three, Mel Patton, Barney Ewell and Harrison Dillard. The Record

200-meters—La Beach and Herb McKenley of Jamaica top rivals of Ewell and Patton.

400-meters—McKenley is favored with Arthur Wint of Jamaica, J. P. Reardon of Eire, and Mal Whitfield of the U. S. A. given a good chance to upset.

800-meters—Wint and Whitfield the standouts, plus Holst Sorensen of Denmark and Marcel Hansenne of France.

1,500-meters—Lennart Strand and Henry Eriksson of Sweden picked against Hansenne, S. Garay of Hungary and Holland's W. F. Slijkhuis. Columbia, S.C.

5,000-meters—Favorite, Emil Zatopek, Czechoslovakia; chief rivals, Gaston Reiff of Belgium, E. Nyberg of Sweden and Slijkhuis.

10,000-meters—Zatopek and Finland's Viljo Heino.

Marathon—Heino and Nikki Heitanen of Finland and Jack Holden of Britain. Thurs

110-meter high hurdles—U. S. could clean sweep with Bill Porter, Craig Dixon, and Clyde Scott. Rivals—Alberto Triulzi, Argentina; Haakon Lidman, Sweden; Pol Braekman, Belgium. 7-29-48

Javelin—Finland's pair of Kaj Rautauaara and S. M. Nikkinen picked over G. Pettersson of Sweden and Martin Diles, U. S. A.

Discus throw—Adolfo Consolini and Giuseppe Tosi, both of Italy, against Fortune Gordien, U. S. A.

Shot put—U. S. trio of Francis Delaney, Jim Fuchs and W. M. Thompson picked, with Poles W. Gierutto and M. Lomowski threats.

Hammer throw—I. Nemeth of Hungary and Bo Ericson of Sweden.

Decathlon — Irving Mondschein and Bob Mathias, U. S. A., against E. P. Andersson and P. Eriksson of Sweden.

400-meter relay—U. S. A. seems a cinch with Patton, Ewell, Dillard and Eddie Conwell.

1,600-meter relay—A wide-open race with McKenley and Wint picked to lead Jamaica to victory.

400-meter hurdles—A. B. Storskrubb of Finland vs. Phil Ault, Ray Cockran and Jeff Kirk, U. S. A.

3,000-meter steeplechase — Slijkhuis and Frances R. Pujazon.

10,000-meter walk—Harry Churcher, Britain; G. H. W. Hardmo, Sweden; J. A. Ljunggren, Sweden; and S. Laslo, Hungary.

High jump—The Yank trio of Verne McGew, George Stanich and Dwight Eddleman, with Alan Patterson of Britain an outside hope.

Broad jump—Willie Steele of the U. S. A., a solid choice against a huge field. 7-27-48

Hop, step and jump—Anchante Rayes, Peru. Thurs.

Pole vault—Dick Morcom, Bob Richards and Smith, U. S. A. against Aake Lindberg of Sweden.

OLYMPICS:

Newsweek

The Dyche Blues

Chicago, Ill.

Jack O'Brien, NEWSWEEK's Sports editor, traveled to Chicago last week for the Olympic trials. His report follows:

Mon. 7-19-48

In one of the cement caverns under Dyche Stadium in Evanston, Ill., last week, a baby-faced giant of a weight thrower made no secret of how he felt.

"I couldn't sleep last night," he confessed to the assorted giants and whippets who sprawled around him. "I couldn't even lay down. I couldn't even swallow. I bet my palate swelled up this big." He held up a thick thumb.

Many of the 200 other men waiting for the final tryouts for the 1948 United States Olympic track and field squad didn't seem to be much better off. A spike-haired javelin thrower went looking for a pay phone and was plainly upset when he returned five minutes later without having found one.

"I always call my girl before a meet," he said. "Maybe it doesn't really bring me luck, but this is no time to stop."

Reggie Pearman, spectacled New York University runner, lay flat on his back and tried to memorize a fragment of Elizabethan poetry he had copied on a piece of paper for this last-hour wait.

"I'm just about sick to get on that boat to London," he confessed, "even though I'll probably be sicker if I do get on it."

On the day of his big chance, in the 800-meter finals, Pearman didn't even finish. But if that meant Pearman wouldn't be getting on the boat for London this week, he had the skimpy consolation of knowing that some of the sport's greatest practitioners would also be listed among the American stay-at-homes. 7-19-48

Washouts: Hulking Charley Fonville of Michigan, who had made 56-foot shot puts look easy this season and also had set a new world's record of 58 feet ¼ inch, failed to win one of the three team places allotted to his department. Mon.

Wispy Harrison Dillard of Baldwin-Wallace, overwhelmingly voted the world's greatest hurdler and also holder of a record string of 82 successive victories, will go to London as a 100-meter-dash man rather than as a hurdler. In the finals of his specialty, the 110-meter hurdles, Dillard struck the second hurdle with the instep of his lead foot, knocked over three others as his stride disintegrated on him, and didn't even finish the race.

Gil Dodds, easily this country's best miler and deeply wanting to go to London to complete his track career with an Olympic triumph, didn't even get as far as Evanston. When an injured leg tendon forced him to withdraw from the final trials, Dodds forfeited his chance; an American Olympic rule requires a one-two-three performance in the concluding tryouts. Newsweek

Change? Many of the experts assembled at Dyche Stadium bitterly insisted the rule should be changed. They argued that men of exceptional winning consistency should be chosen on their records as a safeguard against the inevitable off day.

Other critics contended that the true Olympian is the fellow who manages to come through on any day that may be picked for a big stake. Their favorite example, as the week ended, was Barney Ewell of Lancaster, Pa., an old man in the young man's business of running sprints. Chicago

Most experts thought Ewell had had to wait too long for this chance. Eight years earlier, when he was starring at Penn State, the Olympics had been called off. But last week the dusky and bony-faced foundry hand was a good 31 years old, and his opposition in the 100-meter-dash final included Mel Patton of Southern California, latest "world's fastest human" (9.3 seconds for 100 yards) and undefeated this year.

Patton was clocked in 10.3 seconds, equaling the Olympic record. But that left him a

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Olympic Athletes Relax In London

Daily World
Atlanta, Ga.

LONDON, Eng.—The main bod of the U. S. Olympic team is o British soil having arrived on th flagship S. S. America.

Head Coach Dean Cromwell said the men's track and field team would take it easy for a few days before be;inning limbering up exercises for the summer games which get underway July 29. He told reporters "I will stand out there with a fungo bat and if anyone runs fast I shall swat him."

Thurs 7-22-48

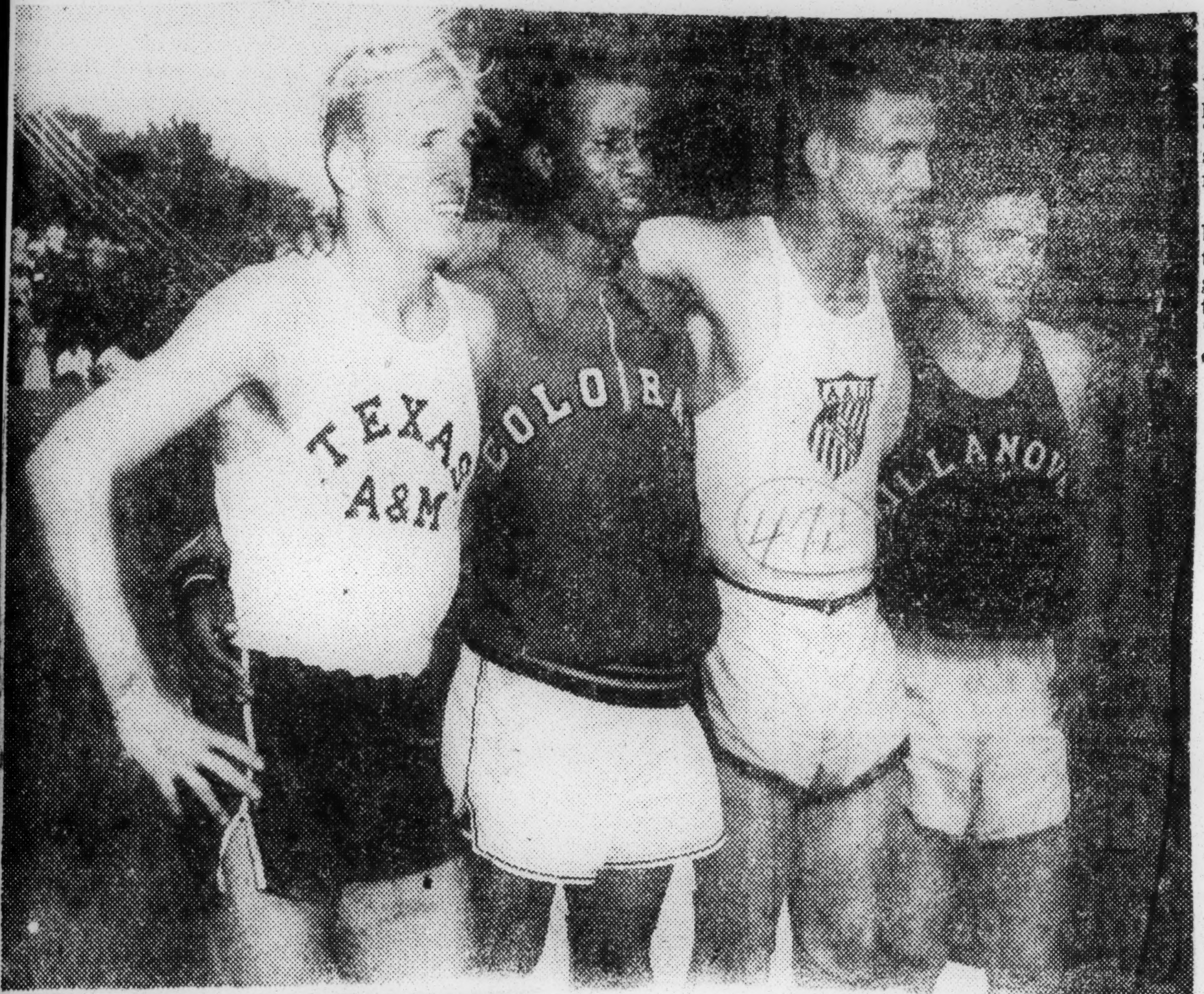
Meanwhile, a group of basketball players rated the world's greatest team is set for a tour of Scotland. The personnel of the squad is made up of 6 men from the National Amateur Athletic Union Champions Phillips 66 Oilers and the NCCA champions, the University of Kentucky.

Cromwell asked to pick the winner of the 100-meter dash named Mel Patton of the University of Southern California. For the 200 he envisioned Patton as an even surer shot. Daily World

Asked for the surest among the Americans, however, he replied "One of the pole vaulters." Atlanta, Ga.

According to Cromwell, Mal Whitfield's chances of beating Jamaica's Herb McKenley in the 400 depends on how hard the Ohio youth has to run in his heats for the 800. Cromwell named John Parlett of Great Britian and France's Marcel Hansenne as the chief foregin threats in the 800. Thurs. 7-22-48

In the final hours aboard ship Ralph Craig of Albany was honored with the designation of American flag-bearer. Frank Cumiskey of North Bergen, N. J., and Erie Crosbie of Baltimore were chosen to flank Craig when he carries Old Glory at the head of the United States delegation in the opening ceremony of July 29. Announcement of the distinction conferred on the



)0-METERS KINGS—Mal Whitfield, Ohio State University's Big Nine champion who was running for the United States Army Air Forces was winner of the 800-meters races in the Olympic team finals on July 10, at Northwestern University's Dyche Stadium. Here are the top four in the 400-meters finals. Arthur Harnden, Texas A. and M. College, white, who was fourth; Dave Bolen, formerly of Southern University and now of Colorado, second; Whitfield, the only double winner of the meet, and white George Guida, Villanova College of Pensylvania.—Rhoden photo.

No Color Line In Olympics

The Defender
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Chicago

By RUSS COWANS

LONDON, England—Anyone who would like to get democracy in sharp focus would do well to attend the Olympic Games, particularly during those days preceding the Games when athletes from 61 nations trained at Uxbridge for the supreme test.

Gathered here are athletes from the four corners of the world, each possessed with one thought uppermost in his or her mind—beating the other competitors and winning the coveted gold medal for first place in this, the greatest athletic test in the world.

Here a boy or girl, is not judged by his or her color, but by the fleetness of foot in the sprints, the ability to soar over the standard in the pole vault, leap over the bar in the high jump, hurtle the body through the air in the broad jump, skin over the hurdles, or possess the stamina and endurance to stand up under the gruelling grind in the longer races. It's ability that counts, and not color.

For instance, Herb McKenley and Arthur Wint, the two long-striding Jamaicans; Lloyd LaBeach, Panama; Harrison Dillard, Henry Norwood (Barney) Ewell and Willie Samuel Steele, United States, were the big attractions at the training camp. The youngsters who swarmed around the entrance to the RAF Barracks sought them out for autographs.

Then there were the writers from Sweden, Norway, France Holland, Belgium, all wanting to get a glimpse at Ewell, Harrison Dillard, McKenley, and Willie Steele.

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The Swedish writers were disappointed because Charles Fonville did not win a berth on the United States team Torsien Tegner of the Idrottsbladst, Stockholm, said: "Fonville is without a doubt the greatest shot putter in the history of the game. Sweden would have put him on the team."

H. L. Strandberg, representative of a Swedish paper, was a member of the 1936 Swedish team, finishing sixth in the 100 meters at Berlin.

'Owens Greatest'

"Jesse Owens is without a doubt the greatest sprinter who ever pulled on a shoe," Strandberg said. "He had the grace, rhythm and speed. In addition, he was a gentleman."

The Swiss team arrived at Uxbridge Monday, and shortly after the practice sessions, the boys and girls gathered at the public canteen, and it was there that Dories Tonteiviler and Liselotte Kobe chatted with Cynthia Thompson, Katherine Russell, Carmen Phipps Marvis Evelyn and Vinton Beckett, members of the track team from Jamaica, extending to the little Jamaican girls an invitation to visit them in Switzerland before they return home.

Riza Isuman, 1,500 meters, and Erdal Barky, 110-meter hurdles, are from far-off Turkey, but they had heard about the performances of the Negro stars, and were anxious for Dillard to show them some pointers about hurdling.

Duncan White, Edward L. Gray, Albert Perere, Alex Obeyesekera, L. Handunge, John DeSaram, and G. J. Peiris are from Ceylon, and Lloyd Valberg is the sole representative from Singapore. They're olive-complexioned, straight black hair, and each speaks excellent English.

White will compete in the 200 and 400-meter runs and the 400-meter hurdles. He's captain of the Ceylon team. Gray is a lightweight boxer, Valberg is a high jumper with a record of 6 feet 5 inches. Perera is a batamweight boxer, Obeyesekera is a welterweight boxer, Handunge in the flyweight division, and Peiris in the hop, step and jump and the running broad jump.

John DeSaram, also from Ceylon is competing in the 200 and 400 meter runs.

And all this acclaim for colored stars has been embarrassing to Roberta Robbs, 19-year-old sprinter from South Africa, because Miss Robbs would not have been permitted to do in her home town in the Transval, what she has been doing here—training with Ewell, Dillard, Lorenzo Wright and LaBeach.

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Asked if there were any colored on the South African team, Miss Robb, a clerk in the office of one of the diamond mines, said there were not. Quizzed as to the reason Miss Robb explained that whites, colored anl natives did not compete together. In fact, the colored and natives do not get an opportunity to participate.

The team from Peru, South America, flew in Tuesday, and there are two colored members of the track team, but until I can find some one who can speak the Portugese language, I can not understand what they're talking about. The same is true of the Egyptian soccer team.

Photo Finish Gives Ewell Second Place

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LaBeach Third, Mel Patton Fifth In Biggest Upset

By RUSS J. COWANS

LONDON, England — Harrison Dillard, the dash and hurdle star from Baldwin Wallace College in Berea, Ohio, carried the United States track team to victory in the Olympic games here at Wembley Stadium before a jam-packed audience on Saturday, July 31.

Dillard's victory was so close that the officials waited for the photographs of the finish before announcing that the Ohioan had triumphed. His time was 10.3 seconds for the distance and it tied the established Olympic time of 10.3 set by Eddie Tolan, another Negro then of the University of Michigan, made in the 1932 Olympics in Los Angeles.

The 82,000 rose enmasse to give the American the proper tribute due an athlete. Many of the crowd were Americans pulling for the great Dillard to win because of his unfortunate performance in the finals of the hurdles in Evanston, Ill. on July 10, when he kicked over four of the first five hurdles and didn't finish. Consequently Dillard was not chosen for the U. S. Olympic team in this event. He placed third in the finals of the 100-meters.

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Saturday, he was off in front with a smooth stride and down the straightaway he came with Barney Ewell, Lancaster ,Pa., and former Penn State flash, almost abreast.

Ewell hugged Dillard after the two had passed the finish line and **as the huge crowd thundered its applause and waited for the verdict, it was Ewell who enjoyed the plaudits of the multitude. He remembered the keen disappointment of Dillard in Evanston. He also was happy because he knew America had won first and second places in the 100-meters.**

La Beach Third

With Dillard being the victor, Ewell was second. Lloyd LaBeach, **former University of Wisconsin runner who is now a student at the University of California at Los Angeles, was third. The much feared LaBeach who had been having a duel with Mel Patton of the University of Southern California on the Pacific Coast this spring, represented Panama.**

In fourth place was Great Britain's Alistair McCorquondale, white, pampered and praised by his own coach, Dean Crowmell of UCLA who is the Olympic team coach, was fifth and McDonald Bailey, Great Britain's Negro dash man, was sixth.

Thus three Negro runners finished one, two, three and the fourth was sixth. The two white dashmen Patton and McCorquoidale, were fourth and fifth

Ewell's time was given at 10.4 seconds. LaBeach was timed in 10.6.

Dillard is 25 years old. Ewell is 30.

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Willie Steele, San Diego College of California and National Collegiate broad jump champion, suffering from an injured heel received in the finals for the Olympic team on July 10, won the broad jump with a leap of 25 feet, 8 inches, far short of Jesse Owens' Olympic record leap of 26 feet

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EXTRA

Whitfield Wins 800

LONDON—Melvin Whitfield, Ohio State University runner, who represented the United States Air Forces in the Olympic team finals, won the 800-meters run on Monday, Aug. 2. His time was 1:49.2 seconds.

5 5-16 inches. In third place was Herb Douglas University of Pittsburgh and former Xavier University of New Orleans star, with 24 feet, 9. Lorenzo Wright, Wayne University of Michigan, was fourth with 24 feet, 5 1-4 inches.

The American girls didn't do so well. Lillian Young, Forestville Playground, Chicago; Mabel Walker, Tuskegee Institute, Ala., and Audrey "Pat" Patterson, Tennessee State College, each finished third in their heats. The first two qualified.

SQUADS ARE NAMED FOR 2 RELAY RACES

~~New York Times~~

U. S. Officially Enters Eight for Olympic 400 and Same Number for the 1,600

STILL DEFICIT OF $80,000

~~New York, N.Y.~~

Committee Hopes Sum Will Be Made Up Before the America Sails for Games Tomorrow

~~July, 7-13-48~~

By ALLISON DANZIG

As the athletes who will make up the United States Olympic team started pouring into New York yesterday, overworked officials took time out from the hurried business ofregistering and processing them for their departure tomorrow on the United States Liner America to name our official entry for the London Games in the 400 and 1,600-meter relay races.

The entries were interesting as marking the first time men were ever borrowed from other events. For the 400-meter relay, the American Olympic Committee cabled to England the names of five sprinters, two hurdle men and a broad jumper. They are Barney Ewell of Lancaster, Pa., Mel Patton of Southern California, Harrison Dillard of Baldwin-Wallace, who made the team as a sprinter but failed in his specialty as a hurler; Ed Conwell of Jersey City, Cliff Bourland of the Los Angeles A. C., Clyde (Smackover) Scott of Arkansas; Bill Porter of Northwestern and Lorenzo Wright of Wayne.

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For the 1,600-meter relay race, the entry consists of Mal Whitfield of Ohio State, outstanding in the trials in winning both the 400 and 800-meter runs; Dave Bolen of Colorado. George Guida of Villanova, Art Harnden of Texas A. & M., Bob Chambers of Southern California, Roy Cochran from the Los Angeles A. C. and Dick Ault of Missouri, both 400-meter hurdlers, and Bourland. Four men of the eight named will be chosen to compete in each of the two relays.

The headquarters of the Olympic Committee in the offices of Secretary Asa S. Bushnell at the Hotel Biltmore neared the boiling point of activity throughout the day. Time was of the essence in completing all the paper work, examinations and details that go into processing the small army of athletes who will embark during the next few days for the games of the XIV Olympiad of modern times. The important matter of raising funds to reach unfilled quotas also occupied the attention of the committee.

Still Short of Goal

The committee was still $80,000 short of the goal but was hopeful that the deficit would be made up before the America sails and that no athlete would have to be left behind for lack of dollars. Track and field, it was revealed, provided $57,500, with more to come in from concessions and programs.

The athletes who will shoulder the burden of the Olympics after the committee's headaches are over went through their paces quietly yesterday, much as some of them had gone through Army induction centers. State Department representatives helped with their passports and visas. They received identity cards and showed health certificates. Some of them lolled around their hotel lobby, others took in the sights and a few worked out lightly at Randalls Island.

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The teams processed yesterday included men's track and field, rowing, fencing, boxing, shooting, basketball, women's swimming, cycling and canoeing. Today, soccer, wrestling, women's track and field, gymnastics, water polo, field hockey, weight lifting and yachting contingents will go through the mill. The men's swimming team, which is flying to London, will be processed tomorrow.

The complete roster of the American team will not be ready until tomorrow, but it was stated that there will be 346 athletes for the seventeen Olympic events, forty-five of them women. With them will go sixty-three officials, coaches, managers, trainers, chaperones, boat riggers and others.

On the America tomorrow 272 athletes are scheduled to sail. Thursday, thirty-three will go on the Queen Elizabeth of the Cunard Line, mostly representing fencing and yachting. Friday, American Airllines will fly forty-one across, including members of the men's swimming and water polo teams.

Figures Not Yet Final

Robert Gardner of President Avery Brundage's office broke down the total number of athletes and accompanying coaches and officials into the following categories. The figures are not absolutely final in every instance yet.

Soccer, 15 and 3; boxing, 16 and 4; canoeing, 8 and 2; basketball, 14 and 3; equestrianism, 9 and 5; cycling, 10 and 2; fencing, 20 (17 men, 3 women), and rowing, 31 and 6; field hockey, 16; gymnastics, 16 and 5; modern pentathlon, 4 and 1; men's swimming, 21 and 3; water polo, 11 and 2; women's swimming, 17 and 3; men's track and field, 65 and 91; weight lifting, 12 and 2; wrestling, 16 and 2; yachting, 16; pistol and rifle shooting, 12 and 2. No figures were given for women's track and field.

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Five teams go to London at their own expense—the two shooting groups, modern pentathlon, equestrian and yachting. The pentathlon and equestrian groups are already overseas.

Ceremonies honoring the members of the team departing on the America at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from Pier 61 at the foot of West Twenty-first Street will be held at 3 o'clock. From 2 to 3 o'clock the Department of Sanitation Band will play a musical program. Vincent R. Impellitteri, president of the City Council and Acting Mayor, will represent Mayor O'Dwyer in wishing the team godspeed and good luck.

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Students of Athens College have been selected to light the Olympic torch and carry the flame from Olympia on the first stage of its movement to Wembley Stadium, London, according to word received by Dr. W. W. Patton, director of the American Near East College, from the president of the Hellenic A. C.

U.S. WINS FOUR OLYMPIC TITLES AND 2 RECORDS

BY WILFRID SMITH

(Chicago Tribune Press Service)

WEMBLEY, England, July 31- United States Olympic hopes, dealt a staggering blow in opening day defeats, soared today when four Americans won championships in track and swimming events.

Chicago Tribune

A capacity crowd of 82,000 saw Americans win the gold medals in the 1948 international games in Wembley stadium. Roy Cochran took the first with a brilliant victory in the 400 meter hurdles, but he had hardly mounted the dais for his award when Harrison Dillard scored in the 100 meter hurdles.

Ris Sets Record

Shortly after Bruce Harlan of Ohio State was awarded first place in the spring board diving finals, Wally Ris of Chicago set a new Olympic record of 57.3 seconds to win the 100 meter free style swimming event. Alan Ford of Yale was second and Keith Carter of Purdue fourth behind Geza Kadas of Hungary in the event, in which Alex Jany of France was the favorite.

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Barney Ewell of Lancaster, Pa., closed with a burst of speed that almost caught Dillard in the 100 meter dash. Lloyd LaBeach, former University of Wisconsin runner competing for Panama, was third, Alan McCorquodale of Britain finished fourth ahead of Mel Patton, the University of Southern California favorite. Dillard's time tied the Olympic record set by Eddie Tolan at Los Angeles in 1932.

Cochran Leads First

Cochran, former Indiana university star, led from the first hurdle and ran a flawless race until, at the last barrier, he lost his stride and had to take an extra step. his time was 51.1 seconds, which broke the Olympic record of 52 flat set by Glenn Hardin of the United States in 1932.

Chicago, Ill.

Duncan White of Ceylon finished second, and Rune Larsson of Sweden was third. Dick Ault of Missouri was fourth.

Miller Anderson of Ohio State finished second to Harlan in the spring board diving and Sammy Lee of Pasadena, Cal., third. Mexico's Joaquin Capilla Perez was fourth.

Success was piled on success as the Americans strove to eliminate memories of yesterday's opening day disaster, when they could do no better than a tie for third in the pole vault, in which they were favorites to win easily.

Bob Richards of the Illinois Athletic club, Richmond (Boo) Morcum of Durham, N.H., and Guinn Smith of the San Francisco Olympic club all cleared the required 13 feet 1¼ inches to qualify for the pole vault finals scheduled for Monday.

Chicago Tribune

Broad Jumpers Lead

Willie Steele of San Diego State broad jumped 25 feet 6½ inches to lead all qualifiers in that event. He was followed by Lorenzo Wright of Wayne and Herb Douglas of Pitt. A total of twelve entered the finals.

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Bob Bendell of Apponaug, R.I., Sam Felton of Harvard, and Henry Dreyer of the New York Athletic club were among the 12 qualifiers for the hammer throw finals. All of them surpassed the qualifying distance of 160 feet 9 inches with ease.

Others Remain In Race

Mal Whitfield of Ohio State led two other Americans into the final round of the 800 meter run. Herb Barten of the University of Michigan won his heat in 1 minute 51.7 seconds after Whitfield was beaten by Marcel Hanseene, powerful French middle distance runner. Chambers finished third in his heat, which was won by Ingvar Bentsson of of Sweden.

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Nel Van Vliet, Holland's world record holder at 200 meters, swam the distance in 2 minutes 57 seconds to win her heat of that event in Olympic record time.

Women Sprinters Lose

The Americans suffered their first reversal when sprinters on the women's team were eliminated in the first round of the 100 meters. Aubrey Patterson was third in the third heat, and Mable Walker, also of Tuskegee Institute, was third in the fourth race. Lillian Young of Chicago likewise finished third in the fifth heat. Two qualified in each of eight preliminaries for the semi-finals Tuesday.

MEL PATTON WINS—Mel Patton (right) of Southern California wins 200-meter dash final in Olympic trials at Evanston, Ill., Saturday. Barney Ewell (second from right) of Lancaster, Pa., finishes second. Cliff Bourland (second from left) of the Los Angeles A. C. was third, and Charles Parker (left) of Texas was fourth. (Associated Press wirephoto.)

The Times

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U. S. Olympic Track Team

EVANSTON, Ill., July 10 (AP)—Here is the Olympic track and field team which will represent the United States in the fourteenth games in London, starting July 29, listed in order of finish in each event with winning performances:

100-Meter Dash—Barney Ewell, Lancaster, Pa.; Mel Patton, Southern California; Harrison Dillard, Baldwin Wallace. Time—0:10.2.

400-Meter Relay—Ewell, Patton, Dillard and Ed Conwell, Jersey City, N. J.

200-Meter Dash—Patton, Ewell, Cliff Bourland, Los Angeles Athletic Club. Time—0:20.7.

400 Meters—Mal Whitfield, Ohio State; Dave Bolen, Colorado; George Guida, Villanova. Time—0:46.6.

1600-Meter Relay—Whitfield, Bolen, Guida and Arthur Harnden, Texas A. and M.

New York, N.Y.

800 Meters—Whitfield, Herbert Bartens, Michigan; Robert Chambers, Southern California. Time—1:50.6.

1,500 Meters—Donald Gehrmann, Wisconsin; Clem Eischen, Washington State; Roland Sink, Southern California. Time—3:52.2.

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5,000 Meters—Curtis Stone, Philadelphia; Jerry Thompson, Texas; Clarence Robinson, Brigham Young. Time—14:40.7.

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10,000-Meter Run—Eddie O'Toole, New York Athletic Club; Fred Wilt, Pullman, Wash.; Herman Goffberg, Philadelphia. Time—32:29.7.

50,000-Meter Walk—Ernest Crosbie, Baltimore; Adolph Weinecker, Michigan State; John Deni, Pittsburgh. Time—5 hours 4 minutes, 30 seconds.

10,000-Meter Walk—Henry Laskau, Maccabi Athletic Club, New York; Ernest Weber, German-American Athletic Club, New York; Fred Sharaga, 92d Street Y. M. H. A., New York. Time—49:29.0.

Decathlon—Bob Mathias, Tulare, Calif.; Irving Mondschein, New York University; Floyd Simmons, Los Angeles Athletic Club.

Marathon—Ted Vogel, Tufts; Johnny Kelley, Boston; Ollie Manninen, Boston. Time—2 hours 30 minutes 10 seconds.

110-Meter Hurdles—William Porter, Northwestern; Craig Dixon, U. C. L. A.; Clyde Scott, Arkansas. Time—0:13.9.

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400-Meter Hurdles—Roy Cochran, Los Angeles Athletic Club; Richard Ault, Missouri; Jeffrey Kirk, Pennsylvania. Time—0:51.7.

3,000 Meter Steeplechase—Robert McMillen, Los Angeles A. C.; Browning Ross, Villanova; William Overton, Alabama Poly. Time—9:18.7.

Pole Vault—A. Richmond Morcom, Durham, N. H.; Guinn Smith, San Francisco Olympic Club; Robert Richards, Illinois Athletic Club. Height—14 feet 8⅛ inches.

High Jump—Verne McGrew, Rice; George Stanich, Los Angeles A. C.; Dwight Edleman, Illinois. Height—6 feet 8¼ inches.

Broad Jump—Willie Steele, San Diego State; Herb Douglas, Pittsburgh; Lorenzo Wright, Wayne. Distance—26 feet 2 inches.

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Hop, Step, Jump—William Albans, Elizabeth, N. J., and Erik Koutonen, Fitchburg, Mass., tied; Bob Beckus, Los Angeles A. C. Distance—48 feet 11 inches.

Discuss—Fortune Gordien, Minnesota; Vic Frank, Yale; William Burton, Army and Air Force. Distance—166 feet 2 inches.

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Shot-Put—Francis Delaney, San Francisco Olympic Club; Wilbur Thompson, Los Angeles A. C.; James Fuchs, Yale. Distance—55 feet 1¾ inches.

Javelin Throw—Martin Biles, San Francisco Olympic Club; Robert Likens, San Jose State; Steve Seymour, Los Angeles A. C. Distance—225 feet 9 inches.

Hammer Throw—Robert Bennett, Apponaugri; Henry Dryer, New York A. C.; Sam Felton, Harvard. Distance—177 feet 8¼ inches.

Chicagoans Among Those To Make Trip

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Three Tuskegeeans Two Tenn. Staters Also Are Chosen

Sat. 7-24-48

NEW YORK—Nine Negro girls were chosen by the United States Women's Olympic team committee and sailed with three white women for London to compete in the Olympic games. The orginal plan was to take more. At the last minute, because of lack of money the team was cut to 12. Miss Jean Walraven, white, Cleveland, was added by the committee the day before sailing.

Miss Walraven's selection makes three white girls on the team. The other two are Dorothy Dodson, Mundelein, Ill., and Mrs. Frances Kaszubski, North Olsted-Westlake A. C., Cleveland.

Miss Walraven is a hurdler and runs in the dashes. Miss Dodson specialities are shotput and javelin. Mrs. Kaszubski won both the Olympic team finals in the shotput and the discuss. Miss Dodson was winner of the javelin but placed second to Mrs. Kaszubski in the other two field events.

It took Mrs. Catherine Donovan Meyer, chairman of the women's committee, three hours before the selections were made.

The Negro girls making the trip are:

Lillian Young, Forestville Playground, Chicago, second in the jump and third in the 100-meters.

Bernice Robinson, Washington Park Playground, Chicago, winner in the 80-meters and second in the high jump.

Mae Faggs, New York Police Athletic League, third in the 200-meters

Nell Jackson, Tuskegee Institute, second in the 200-meters.

Audrey Patterson, Tennessee State College, Nashville, winner in the 200-meters.

Theresa Manuel, Tuskegee Institute, third in the hurdles, second in the javelin.

Mabel Walker, Tuskegee Institute, winner of the 100-meters.

Emma Reed, Tennessee State College, Nashville, winner of the board jump and third in the 100-meters.

Alice Coachman, Albany, Ga., winner of the high jump.

Miss Coachman, formerly of the Tuskegee Institute team took the high jump with a leap of 5 feet, 4¾ ins. This is 1½ inches over the present National AAU record. She was trying to break the Olympic mark of 5 feet, 5¼ inches, when darkness forced her to stop. The officials had to light matches to move the bar up to that point.

Purifoy In Nasty Fall

Lillie Purifoy, Tuskegee's ace hurdler, was ahead in the first heat of the 80-meters hurdles. She hit the fourth hurdle and had a nasty fall. The final went to Bernice Robinson, Chicago, with Mrs. Nacy Cowperthwaite Phillips, white, second and Theresa Manuel, Tuskegee Institute, third.

Miss Purifoy received medical attention. She insisted on taking her turns at board jumping but failed to finish among the top four. Emma Reed, Tennessee State's leap of 18 feet, 4 and 5-8s inches, won first place and Lillian Young, Chicago, was second with 17 feet 9 and 3-8 inches. Mrs. Phillips was third and Miss Walraven, fourth.

Miss Juanita Watson, Tuskegee Institute, pulled a muscle and finished fifth in the finals of the 100-meters which was won by Nell Walker, Tuskegee Institute.

Heat winners among the colored girls were Mary Griggs, Tuskegee Institute, heat one in 12.8. Audrey Patterson, Tennessee State, heat two in 12.5. Juanita Watson, Tuskegee Institute, heat four in 12.6. Mabel Walker, Tuskegee Institute, heat five in 12.6. Mary Hardaway, Tennessee State, heat seven in 12.9.

PATTERSON TRIUMPHS

Miss Patterson did a 12.4 to win the first semi-final trailed by Miss Griggs. Miss Watson won the second semi-final in 12.5. Miss Walker was winner of the third semi-final in 12.5 with Lillian Young second. Miss Young was second in the third trial heat.

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Final was won by Miss Walker with Miss Patterson second and Young, third. Fourth place went to Miss Griggs and Miss Watson was fifth.

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Nell Jackson's 26.1 was good enough to win the first heat in the 200-meters. Miss Patterson's 25.3 won the second heat. Mae Faggs led Gwendolyn Taylor to the tape in heat three in 26.4.

The result of the finals was all Negro. Miss Patterson was winner, Miss Jackson finished second and Miss Faggs, third. The time 25.3 seconds.

Eight Negroes are on the U. S. Olympic team chosen Friday and Saturday at Dyche Stadium of Northwestern University, Chicago.

The eight are: Barney Ewell, Lancaster, Pa., 100 and 200-meter sprints, 400-meter relay team; Harrison Dillard, 100 meters and 400-meter relays; Ed Conwell, Jersey City, 400 meters relay; Willie Steele, San Diego State, broad jump; Herb Douglass, Pittsburgh, broad jump; Lorenzo Wright Wayne University, broad jump; Mal Whitfield, Ohio State, 400 and 800 meters; Dave Bolen, Colorado, 400 meters.

Sun. 7-18-48

Dean Cromwell Following In Hitler's Footsteps

Sat. 7-24-48

NEW YORK — (ANP) —Dean Cromwell, head coach of the Olympic track team unpopularly named to this post over protests which claimed the USC coach was not on the Liberal side, again left himself open to criticism last week, according to New York Times sports writer Art Daley.

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Cromwell's latest ocense followed Barney Ewell's win over Mel Patton. Instead of congratulating Ewell on his victory, Cromwell is reported to have said: "Patton ran like a plow horse." Which prompted New York Post Leonard Cohen to write, "If Patton ran like a plow horse, then Cromwell, his coach, must be a farmer."

Protests over Cromwell's appointment to the post of head coach were ignored by the AAU in making the selection, although Cromwell's attitude was well known and the AAU advised that the choice was not a popular one.

This latest outburst by the Southern California track coach is the type of thing previously attributed to him and were the foundation upon which the protests were registered.

Colored members of the Olympic squad are aware of what they are probably being called upon to contend with. Cromwell, before leaving the US, already was following the Hitler procedure of ignoring colored winners.

Sailing To England To Compete In Olympic Games

Members of the U. S. women's track and field team as they sailed on the SS America are, left to right, front row: Lillian Young of Chicago, 100-meter and broad jump; Emma Reed, Nashville, Tenn., high jump; Jean Waltaven, Cleveland, Ohio, relay, hurdles, broad jump; Mae Faggs, New York, 200-meter and relay.

Back row: Mrs. enry Hanson, chaperone; Bernice Robison, Chicago, hurdles; Mrs. F. Kazubski, Cleveland, Ohio, discus and shotput; Alice Coachman, Georgia, high jump; Audrey Patterson, New Orleans, 100 and 200 meter; Mrs. C. D. Meyer, coach. Other unidentified.

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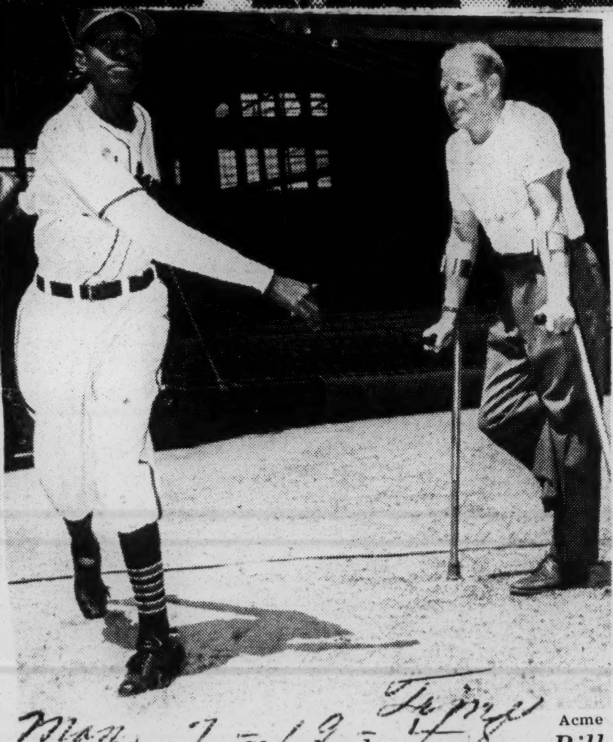

Mon. 7-19-48

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New Indian: *Cleveland manager Bill Veeck beams at Satchel Paige, pitcher for 20 years, who last week became the sixth Negro to sign with a major-league club.*

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Chuck Fonville Out; Dillard Misses On Hurdles; New Man In

Mal Whitfield Of The Army And OSU Proves Formidable Trackman By Winning 400 and 800

Sat 7-17-48

EVANSTON, Ill.—"Upset, upset, upset" was the word most often used here last Friday and Saturday as the Olympic track finals were run before 25,000 fans at Northwestern University's Dyche Stadium.

The most collosal upsets in the sessions were staged by HARRISON DILLARD, the Baldwin-Wallace College hurdles ace who failed to make the grade in his hurdles specialties, and by CHARLEY FONVILLE, Michigan's shot put ace, whose sore back kept him from making the team that will wear the United States shield in the London games.

Equally as startling an upset was staged by MAL WHITFIELD, running under the Ohio State University banner, who qualified for the team in both the 400 and the 800-meter finals to become one of the three double finalists of the 19 who earned the right to compete in two finals events in Friday's semi-finals.

BROKE RECORD

The other two were Mel Patton and BARNEY EWELL. Ewell, the veteran tracksman from Lancaster, Pa., ran second to Patton in the 200 meters, and equaled the world record time of 0:10.2 in the 100-meter dash Friday night.

Ewell ran an obvious effort to take first place against Patton. He ran in his best form during his 12 year career, and tried hard to catch Patton on the stretch. He was clipping down the space at the turn, and there, Patton got in his kick and picked up a yard.

EQUALLED MARK

In winning, Patton equalled the fastest time ever set in the metric furlong around a curve setting the 0:20.7 time set by Jesse Owens in the 1936 Olympics.

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Mal Whitfield was the storm center in his events. In the 800-meter finals, the 23-year-old army man moved away smoothly from Herb Barten of Michigan and snapped the tape three yards out front. He did the streak in the record time of 1 minute, 50 and 5 tenths seconds.

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In just two hours and five minutes after he had run such a stellar race, Whitfield was back on the track, lined up for the 400-meter finals. It was his fourth race of the two-day meet and his number four stiff test.

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CLIPPED BOLEN

In the 400, he ran a sweltering 0:46.6, propelling his 6 foot, 165-pound frame home two yards in front of DAVE BOLEN of Colorado, who had done the course in the semi-finals in 0:47.1 to qualify.

Whitfield took to the forefront off the second turn, and cruised in to the tape. His time is favorably compared with Herb McKenley's blistering 0:46.2.

In his 800-meter win, Whitfield was challenged by REGGIE PEARMAN of the New York Pioneer Club until Pearman was forced from the race after having been thrown off stride as he attempted to cut inside on the second turn some 100 yards from the tape.

STEELE AND WRIGHT

LORENZO WRIGHT of Wayne University copped the third place berth in the broad jump, in which WILLIE STEELE of San Diego State was the winner. Wright lept 25¼ feet, while Steele copped the honors with a leap of 26 feet 2 inches.

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Inspite of the glowing showings made by the sepia tracksmen, the failure of Dillard and Fonville to make specialty berths threw a pall over the proceedings.

IS WORLD'S BEST

In a development that had the huge crowd gasping with awe, the mighty Harrison Dillard, who, on his record, is the greatest hurdler in the world, failed to make the boat.

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Dillard, who set records, and who just recently had his win streak snapped at 82, came apart in the final of the 110-meter high hurdles.

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Usually a flawless fencer, he hit the second, fourth, sixth and seventh barriers, and was knocked so far off balance, he failed to finish the race.

He, however, will have a berth on the 100-meter dash team by virtue of having finished third in the finals. It was pointed out that to attempt a double on the hurdles and the flats is in a sense unprecedented.

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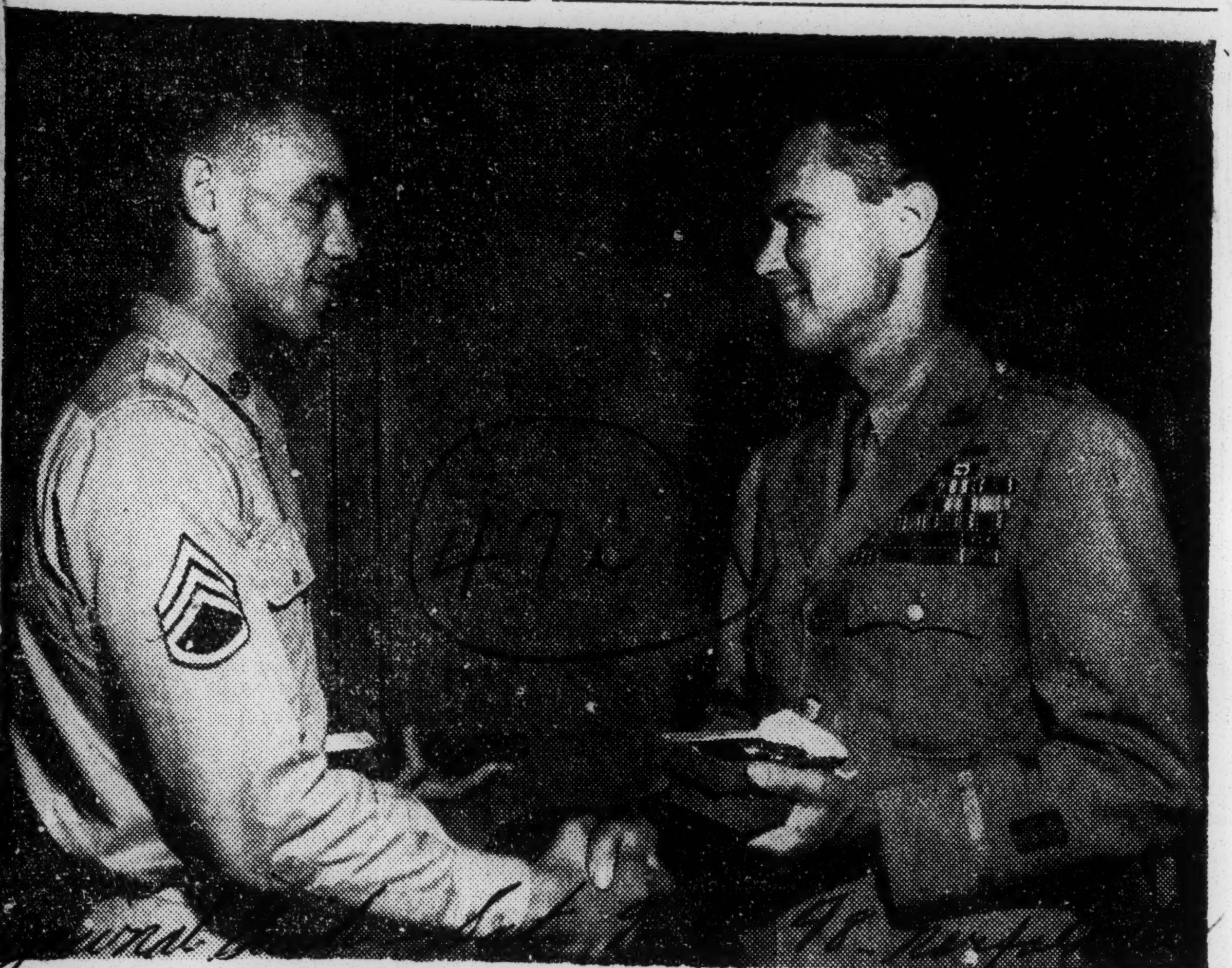
The real upset of the day, however, was the showing of Charley Fonville, Michigan's record breaking shot putter, who was shut out of a shot put berth. Fonville set a record of 58 feet ½ inches with a heave last spring, and has beaten the 56 foot mark 11 times.

MISSED OLD FORM

Having suffered from a sore back that made him pass up the AAU meets at Milwaukee last week, Fonville braved the 90 degree heat here Friday, and hurled the 16 pound ball a distance far short of his record marks.

His finals showing was better than his semi-finals had been, and he heaved the ball 54 feet ⅜ inches, seven inches short of the mark made by James Fuchs of Yale, who is the No. 3 man on the American event squad. Winner was Francis Delaney, whose 55 feet 1¾ inches heave took the honors.

Staff Sgt. Whitfield Congratulated For Olympic Victories



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United States Air Force Chief of Staff, General Hoyt S. Vandenberg, is shown congratulating Staff Sergeant Malvin Whitfield, of Los Angeles, on his victories during the recent Olympiad in London. Whitfield and General Vandenberg are hodling the five medals which the Air Force speedster won during his stay in England.

The only armed-services winner during the week-long competition, Sergeant Whitfield won Olympic gold medals for his performance in the 800 meter run and as anchor man of the American 1600 meter relay team. In addition, Sergeant Whitfield received a bronze medal when he placed third in the 400 meter dash.

As a member of American sprint-medley, and mile relay teams during the British Empire post Olympic meet at White City Stadium, he was awarded two first place plaques. During the war Whitfield served as an aerial gunner in a B-25 Medium Bombardment Group. Now assigned to the 332nd Fighter Wing at Lockbourne Air Base, Columbus, Ohio, he is a student at Ohio State University.

Ewell gets a gold medal after all

The Tribune

Sat 8-21-48

Los Angeles Calif

LONDON — But for a foto-finish, the U. S. Olympic team might have been rooked out of an honestly won gold medal early this week.

As far as who got to the tape first, there never was any doubt that the four U. S. sprinters arranged to get there 10 yards in front of everybody else, but the judges disqualified the victory Monday on the grounds that Barney Ewell, Lancaster, Pa., and Lorenzo Wright, Wayne University, had not completed their baton passing within the prescribed 20-yard zone, on starting the second leg of the relay.

After seeing the official pictures of the race, and after deliberating several hours on what they saw in them, the judges recanted: "An error was made and the placing of the teams has been revised as follows: First, United States; second, Britain; and third, Italy."

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The reconsidered verdict matched earlier newspaper reports that moving pictures of the event would prove that Ewell had made a perfectly legal pass to Wright and that the judges would be forced to reverse their decision. The reversal gave the U. S. its 30th Gold Medal of the 1948 Games and their 11th in track and field. It also reaped a poetically just reward for super-trying veteran Ewell, who had been nosed out of Gold Medals in the 100- and 200-meter events; and by the same token, Britain was robbed of her only Gold Medal in track and field.

However, the U. S. won the reversal the hard way. Head coach Dean Cromwell protested the disqualification reluctantly, adding that he finally did so for the main showings were about to go unrewarded. Chairman of the U. S. Olympic Committee Avery Brundage had already thrown in the towel, announcing that the decision would not be protested.

In their original ruling, the judges had said that Ewell went a stride beyond the 20-yard limit before passing the baton to Wright..

U. S. Olympic Team Holds Victory Edge

OLYMPICS—Mexico captures Prix Des Nations horsemanship as final feature of greatest game in history at Londan . . . United States winds up with wide margin of victory in unofficial team totals with 662 points against 353 for second place Sweden.

BASEBALL — Cleveland boosts American League lead beating tailend White Sox, 4-2 . . . Red Sox oust Philadelphia from second by defeating Washington, 4-3, as Athletics lose to Yanks, 14-3 . . . Cards end Pittsburgh jinx by turning back Bucs, 6-3 . . . Giants edge Phillies, 3-1.

HORSE RACING — Model Cadet captures Washington Futurity as favored Mr. Busher comes in last at Chicago . . . Ace Admiral scores upset to win Travers Stake at Saratoga Springs.

FOOTBALL—Charley Conerly of Ole Miss shines in intracamp game of College AllStars, preparing for contest with Chicago Bears Aug. 20 at Chicago.

DILLARD SETS PACE AS AMERICANS WIN

Wed 8-25-48

Takes Hurdles, 100 Meter and Runs on Relay Team That Ties Record in Sweden

MALMOE, Sweden, Aug. 24 (U.P.)—Hustling Harrison Dillard set the pace for United States Olympic track and field stars tonight as they won six of nine events in an international track meet and tied the world's record for the 1,000-meter medley relay.

Dillard, lanky Negro ace from Baldwin-Wallace, won two individual events, the 100-meter dash and the 110-meter high hurdles. He also ran the third leg on the medley relay which flashed over the 1,000 meters in 1:52.8.

The clocking tied the world mark set last year by another touring American team at Oslo, Norway, and Dillard was also a member of that quartet.

The U. S. team gave a Danish quartet a 20 meter handicap tonight and still won easily. Barney Ewell of Lancaster, Pa., ran the opening 100-meter leg and narrowed the gap. Craig Dixon of U. C. L. A. raced the second 200-meter leg and cut the distance considerably.

Dillard, running 300 meters, overtook the Danish runner and passed the stick to Dave Bolen of Colorado. Bolen, speeding the final 400 meters, crossed the line an easy winner.

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Does 100 in 0:10.4

Dillard was timed in 0:10.4 in took secondETAOINUNUNUNNU his 100-meter victory as Dixon ttook second place with 0:10.7 and I. Kjell of Sweden finished third in 0:11.1. In the 110-meter high hurdles, Dillard was clocked in 0:14 with Dixon again second and Haakon Lidman of Sweden third.

Ewell was the winner of the 200 meter dash in 0:21.4, finishing three yards in front of L. Laing of Jamaica with Kaj Nordefelt of Sweden third.

The 880 produced the night's most amazing upset as Arthur Wint, the giant from Jamaica who won the Olympic 800 meter crown, finished fourth. The winner was Ingvar Bengtsson of Sweden in 1:55.2. Hasse Liljekvist of Sweden was third in 1:55.4.

Bouse Ericsson of Sweden won the hammer throw with a toss of 55.75 meters (about 183 feet, 10 inches) and Sam Felton of Harvard was next with 53.08 meters.

Morcom Wins Pole Vault

Evert Nyberg of Sweden took the 3,000 meters in 8:27.2. With Tore Sjoestrand of Sweden second and Aage Poulsen of Denmark was third.

Dick Ault of Missouri tied the Swedish record of 0:51.7 in winning the 400 meter hurdles. It was the best time in his career but he won by only a stride from Rune Larsson of Sweden with R. Arifon of France a close third.

The sixth United States winner was A. Richmond (Boo) Morcom of the University of New Hampshire who took the pole vault with a leap of 4.23 meters (about 13 feet, 10 inches). Ragnar Lundberg of Sweden was runner-up with 4.10 meters.

The other three events, the 880 yard run, hammer throw and the 3,000 meter run, were won by Sweden.

GREATEST OLYMPICS CLOSE ON HIGH NOTE IN BRIGHT SUNSHINE

Pomp And Ceremony Mark Valedictory Of United Nations With Muscles

MEXICAN HORSEMEN WIN

Humberto Mariles Cortes' Great Jumping Before 80,000 Is Thrilling Climax To Outstanding Athletic Competion

By BOB CONSIDINE
International News Service Sports Writer

LONDON, Aug. 14.—The greatest Olympic games in the 2725-year history of this remarkable meeting of "United Nations with muscles" ended Saturday as it had opened July 29—with bright British sun illuminating an unforgettable scene of pomp and circumstance.

"We have seen the least unkind of quarrels," the 80,000 packed into Wembley Stadium sang to the tune of Londonderry Air as the flags of the nations were carried out of the stadium.

The Olympic flag slowly came down and the flame in a Grecian urn was turned down, then extinguished.

Dignitaries There

All that the scene lacked was the presence of the King and Queen, but the royal box was filled with the likes of Princess Juliana, Prince Bernhard, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Duchess of Kent, Lord and Lady Mountbatten, the

Maharajah of Jaipur and Lewis Douglas, United States ambassador to the court of St. James.

They, too, stood to join the song that brought at least these people as close together as human beings can get.

In many ways Saturday's closing was even more impressive than the fantastically colorful opening day, for that was a day of pure recemony. It saw the last and perhaps most arresting Olympic competition completed with a stirring victory for the Mexican horsemen over the best of 14 competing nations.

Two dashing Mexican cavalrymen—Humberto Mariles Cortes and Ruben Uriza—dominated the Prix de Nations jumping, with pink-coated Chevalier F. F. M. D'orgeix of France taking third place in this most gruelling jumping event.

The nearest American was Col. F. F. Wing, of the United States Army, riding a tremendously spirited horse named Democrat. He lost third place in a jump-off with D'orgeix.

We had won enough during the games.

It was another brilliant United States team which competed here, one which can take its place with any we ever sent abroad. We won 38 of 125 events contested, and equalled or bettered 12 Olympic and world records. We had the unofficial team championship with 662 points. The statisticians were in a mood to quit counting our superiority after the first week's event had been completed.

Treat Ride by Mexican

It was an unforgettable sight to see Cortes win the great jumping event which closed the competition. The heavily decorated veteran Mexican horseman was the last of 44 men competing over the treacherous 16-jump course.

A three-way tie for first place confronted him, as well as the dizzy jumps and yawning ditches, as he spurred his great horse Arete toward the first hurdle.

He cleared it gracefully and sped on—clearing one barrier after another.

A great hush descended over the huge crowd as it watched. The groan that went up when Arete just failed to clear a long water jump (which counted as a fault) could be heard for miles. But when the Mexican cleared the brick wall and sped on to the finish there was a demonstration hardly paralleled during the games.

"I'll never live two minutes like that again," Cortes wheezed as he jumped into the arms of his delighted compatriots.

"It was a whole year. I was scared at every jump. I knew a quarter of a second's indecision would lose it all, but I just followed my horse and it carried me. I trained Arete four years for this day. I'm really happy, not so much for myself, but for my country."

If there was indecision in his heart, he didn't show it as he took dead aim at one jump after another and soared over the bruising obstacles which had caused so many others to balk, fall, crash and be upset.

It was a fitting climax to the Olympics which had seen countless feats of skill, strength and courage.

His performance, plus that of Uriza and Alberto Valdes, third member of the team, gave Mexico the team title with 34¼ faults compared to Spain's 56½ and Britain's 67.

The Mexicans in the stands went wild, threw their hats away and delivered a lusty organized cheer to the delight of the crowd as the Mexican horsemen lined up to receive gold medals from J. Sigfried Edstrom, president of the International Olympic Committee.

Opportunity To Youth

The great show neared its end as British Boy Scouts carried in flags of the competing nations led by the flag of Greece, and other scouts bearing shields with names of the countries lined up on the green infield.

Edstrom spoke feelingly in his closing address. He said:

"The ties of brotherhood and friendship which have been formed, not only on the field of competition but also in the various Olympic villages, will always remain.

"The Olympic Games cannot enforce peace, to which all humanity aspires, but it gives an opportunity to all the youth of this world to find out that all men on earth are brothers. Thus the games help to obtain peace, particularly when you consider that the young men who have competed here today will one day become leaders of their nations."

Edstrom then handed the Olympic flag to the Lord Mayor of London for safekeeping and it will be kept here four years till the opening of the Helsinki Games in 1952. As the Lord Mayor grasped the silken white flag with its five interlocked rings there was a fanfare from gold-dressed trumpeters of the household cavalry and in the distance a rumble of a five-gun salute.

Dillard sparks U. S. to win at Paris meet

Sat 8-21-48

PARIS — Harrison Dillard Olympic Gold Medal winner in the 100-meters, sparked a barnstorming U. S. track squad to a 19-8 win over France and turned in one of the three record breaking performances of the day here last Tuesday in an exhibition track and field meet.

Dave Bolden, Colorado U's Negro track ace, set a new French record by clipping 9-tenths of a second off the old with a :46.7 run, beating Italy's Didi by 10 yards. Dillard clipped the European 200-meter record by a tenth of a second when he won going away from his teammate Lorenzo Wright, of Wayne university.

The third record was broken by Dick Morcom, Durham, N. C., when he soared 14' 4", to top the European mark by 5 inches.

Bob Beckus, of Los Angeles A. C. finished second in the hop, step, and jump, behind France's Charles Epalle's 46' 11." Beckus hopped, stepped, and jumped about four inches less.

HARRISON DILLARD
. . . on the flats now

Whitfield Goes After Olympic 'Impossible

It was an excited but confident American Olympic team that sailed and none was more determined than 23-year-old Mal Whitfield of Ohio State, who faces the most tremendous pressure of them all.

He is a tall Negro foot-racer who will be shooting for the "impossible"—victory at 400 and 800 meters in the London games. Only one other American ever tried it before and Whitfield is the only one who earned the right in formal competitive trials.

"I've simply got to win," he said slowly. "I promised three pretty important people." 7-15-48

The three were Jesse Owens, Archie Williams and Long John Woodruff, classic runners who won five Olympic titles among them in a historic sweep of all events from 100 to 800 meters at Berlin 12 years ago.

All three have advised Whitfield what he may expect at London.

Six feet tall and weighing 165, Whitfield is an experienced hand at accomplishing the "impossible."

History is against him in his attempted double at London—and he knows it. Hurry-up Herb McKenley, representing Jamaica in the 400 meters, will be against him, too.

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"If I can run my race I've got a chance to beat McKenley," Whitfield said. "I'm not going out on a lifnb. I've got it in me to beat him some day and I hope that comes out over there."

Whitfield perhaps is America's No. 1 track star on the basis of his remarkable double in the Olympic Trials last week, winning the final 400 meters in 46.6 seconds and the 800 in 1:50. 6.

If he races to the Olympic finals in both events, plus running on the 1,600 meter relay team, he will have 10 races in all. A prodigious feat considering the distance incolved.

"I'm sure I can do it," said the former Los Angeles schoolboy wonder. "I love to run and I have not reached my peak yet. I laid out during the indoor season and started slowly this spring so I'd be ready for the biggest event of my life." 7-15-48

Whitfield, who toured Central Euope and South America last season has never lost a race in 42 starts.

Negroes In 1936 Olympics Had Much Better Record

Louisville Defender

Sat 8-21-48

By RUSS J. COWANS

LONDON—Negro athletes while scoring brilliant achievements in track and field of the Fourteenth Olympiad which closes here August 14, failed to equal their accomplishments in the Eleventh Olympiad at Berlin in 1936.

Negro athletes scored four victories in London, including one by a representative of the British Empire, in comparison with six scored by Americans at Berlin. The fabulous Jesse Owens, accounted for three.

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Athletes of color here were first in the 100-meters. 400-meters, 800-meters and running broad jump.

Melvin G. Whitfield, native of Bay City, Texas, and now a staff sergeant in the armed forces, counted for one victory and a third place. He won the 800-meters Monday, outdistancing Arthur Wint, the long-striding Jamaican, and then lost a hard fought 400-meters jaunt Thursday, finishing behind Wint and Herb McKenley.

Four In 400-Meters

There were four colored—Whitfield, Wint, McKenley and David B. Bolen—in the 400. Bolen, running in the inside lane, was off like a streak, but was overtaken by McKenley, running in lane two, as the runners rounded the second curve.

The victory of Wint over his two formidable foes was loudly acclaimed by the 82,000 fans who had packed into Empire Stadium. This marked the first time during the Olympic track and field events that the British flag had been on top during the victory ceremony.

Wint's victory in the 400-meters avenged the loss suffered when Whitfield won the 800-meters. The big Texan, who is a student at Ohio State University, caught Wint on the back turn, passed him, and then had sufficient kick to beat off the challenge of the Jamaican.

Dillard won the 100-meters Saturday. The Baldwin-Wallace College senior was out of his holes like a bolt, and maintained this advantage to the finish. Henry Norwood (Barney) Ewell, 31-year-old former Penn State star, hit the finish line almost simultaneously with Dillard.

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Ewell once again occupied second place at the finish of the 200-meters, won by Patton. LaBeach was third, McKenley, fourth and Laing, Jamaica was sixth.

Willie Steele 25-year-old senior at San Diego State College, won the running broad jump with a leap of 25 feet 8 inches. Herb Douglas, senior at the University of Pittsburgh, finished third with 24 feet 9 inches, and Lorenzo Wright, Wayne University (Detroit) junior in fourth place with 24 feet 5½ inches.

By winning the fifth heat of the 200 meters Thursday afternoon, Audrey Patterson, Tuskegee Institute, became the first colored girl to win a heat in an Olympic race. She also became the first colored girl to earn a post in a final event when she finished second in the second heat the semi-final, later Thursday afternoon.

New York Star

Sat 8-28-48

The U. S. Olympic 400-meter relay team checks the British newspapers to see what is said of the team's disqualification. From left, Mel Patton, Harrison Dillard, Lorenzo Wright and Barney Ewell.

New York N.Y.

Associated Press Photo

Truman Greets Track Stars, Signs Football

The Afro American

Sat 10-30-48

Baltimore Md

WASHINGTON

President Truman, turning briefly from the heated presidential campaign, greeted members of the 1948 U.S. Olympic women's track and field team and National Classic officials. Friday, at the White House.

Meeting the group in the spacious executive office, the President appeared in a jovial mood as he discussed its accomplishments in London last summer. He later posed with the group for two pictures, one standing with the members of the Olympic team and another seated at his desk.

Members of the women's Olympic team present were Alice Coachman, Tuskegee and Albany College, who won the high jump with a leap of 5 feet, 6½ inches; Mable Walker, Tuskegee, national 100-meter champion and member of the 400-meter relay team; Emma Reed, Tennessee, national running broad jump champion;

Audrey Patterson, Tennessee, national 200-meter champion, and third-place winner in the same event in the Olympics; Nell Jackson, Tuskegee, member of the 400-meter relay team; and Theresa Manuel, Tuskegee, national 50-meter hurdles champion and member of the Olympic 80-meter team.

Accompanying the group were Mrs. Annie Sue Evans, Tennessee; Mrs. Cleve Abbott, Tuskegee; Coach Chris Roulhac of Albany State; Harry Riley, Jr., publicist for the National Classic; Dr. Edwin B. Henderson, Spurgeon Burke and Dr. W .Napoleon Rivers, chairman of the classic.

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Doctor Rivers presented a sheaf of tickets for the National Classic meeting between Tennesse State and Wilberforce to President Truman. The President accepted the tickets, expressed a desire to be in attendance, but revealed that campaign duties would prevent him from putting in an appearance.

He autographed two footballs for the officials, and presented each member of the entourage a souvenir pack of matches with "Swiped From Truman" inscribed on the cover.

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Following its appearance at the White House, the group completed a tour of the District, visiting the junior and senior high schools.

Olympic Games End with Yanks The Big Winner

Detroit Free Press

Sun 8-15-48

U.S. Gleans 38 First Places, Far Topping 1936 Berlin Efforts

Detroit Mich

WEMBLEY, England—(AP)—The Olympic Games, contested in heat and rain since July 29, closed Saturday in brilliant sunshine.

The United States emerged as over-all victor with 38 first places.

The Olympic torch was extinguished, the silk flag with the five interlocking circles rescued from the ruins of Berlin was turned over to the Lord Mayor of London and a call was sent out to the youth of the world to assemble in Helsinki, Finland, in 1952 for the Games of the 15th Olympiad.

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A CAPACITY crowd of 84,000 heard J. Sigfried Edstrom, International Olympic president, proclaim that while the Games cannot enforce peace they give "the opportunity to all the youth of the world to find out that all men on earth are brothers."

Unlike opening day there was no parade of athletes. Boy Scouts carried in the flags of 59 nations and trumpeters in medieval costumes of yellow sounded a clarion call as Edstrom proudly held erect the Olympic flag.

Outside the stadium artillery fired a salute echoing dully within the sloping walls, and a great choir sang the Olympic hymn as the flame in the Olympic torch died down at 6:30 p. m. (12:30 p. m. EST).

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Other sports winners were: Holland, women's track; South Africa, boxing; Turkey, free-style wrestling; Finland, men's gymnastics; Czechoslovakia, women's gymnastics; India, field hockey, and Czechoslovakia and the United States, tied for first in canoeing.

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Also Guinn Smith, pole vault, 14 feet 1¼ inches; Wilbur Thompson, shotput, 56 feet 2 inches (record); Bob Mathias, decathlon, 7,139 points; Barney Ewell, Lorenzo Wright, Harrison Dillard and Mel Patton, 400-meter relay, 40.6; Arthur Harnden, Cliff Bourland, Roy Cochran and Mal Whitfield, 1,600-meter relay, 3:10.4.

For the first time since the modern Olympic games started in 1896 at Athens, there was no double winner in the men's track. Whitfield was America's heaviest scorer with a first in the 800 meters, a third in the 400, and a leg on the winning 1,600-meter relay team.

Admirers Raise Fund To Send Joe Yancey To 1948 Olympic Games At London, Eng.

The Age

New York

By CONRAD CLARK

In recognition of his skill and prowess as an athleeic coach; prowess as an athletic coach Club from "scratch" to become one of the most powerful interracial amateur athletic organizations in the country, friends and admirers of Joe Yancey banned themselves together in sponsoring an all-star studded revue and entertainment at the Club Ebony on Sunday. Sat.

The purpose of the affair was to raise sufficient funds with which to send the noted coach to the Olympics this Summer in London. The response was so overwhelming, that not only were sufficient funds raised, but the balance will furnish funds to help the Pioner Club and the Sydenham Hospital. 4-24-48

Hugo Rogers, Boro President of Manhattan, made the presentation to Yancey of the amount needed, and said that one individual, to show his appreciation of the occasion, made out a check for $100.00 to go to the Pioner Club, and one for $10,000 for the Hospital.

Among the many speakers who paid tribute to Yancey were, Col. Chauncey Hooper, who heads the 369th Regiment, and is an Asst. Deputy Comptroller of the City; Hon. James Johnson, Collector of Internal Revenue, and a former Adjutant of the 369th Regiment; John Dowling of the AAU, and many others. 4-24-48

Both Col. Hooper and Borough President Rogers pleading for interracial unity, cited the work of Yancey and his club, in pioneering interracial work among athletes here in New York and setting an example for other states to follow.

"It is a pity that friendship which existed between races during the war, cannot exist during peace time," Rogers said, and he also endorsed the program of Colonel Hooper that funds should be subscribed annually from the public to enable the Pioner Club to acquire it sown club-rooms and other necessary equipment.

Among the many persons present at the affair were Bob Douglas of the Renaissance Ballroom, one of the founders of the club and at present one of the club's executives; Eulace Peacock, who began his athletic activities under the banner of the Pioneer Club, Reggie Pearman, Roscoe Browne, and many other athletes.

Dannie McMann of the Internal Revenue's office was chairman of the affair, and Manhattan Paul, well-known stage artist was master of ceremonies.

Artists from' both Negro and white clubs took part in the show.

U. S. Takes Thirty-Eight First Places In Olympics

By TED SMITS

OLYMPIC STADIUM WEMBLEY, ENGLAND —(AP)— The United States won 38 first places in the 14th Olympic games that ended Saturday to lead the field and far outshine the American record in the Berlin games of 1936. Aug 8-15-48

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The complete list of national first places follows:

U. S. A. 39, Sweden 17, Hungary 10, France 9, Italy 8, Turkey 6, Czechoslovakia 6, Holland 5, Switzerland 5, Finland 4, Denmark 4, Great Britain 3, Argentina' 3, South Africa 2, Mexico 2, Australia 2, Belgium 2, Egypt 2, Peru 1, Jamaica 1, Austria 1, Norway 1, India 1.

By individual sports, here is the record.

Men's track and field—eight Olympic records were broken and two tied, with the United States accounting for four, and one tie. America won 11 first compared with 12 at Berlin in 1936, 11 at Los Angeles in 1932, eight at Amsterdam in 1928, 12 at Paris in 1924. And 9 at Antwerp in 1920. Sweden with five firsts was the challenger, and the games were marked by the facing of Finnish supremacy in distance running.

American winners were: Harrison Dillard, 100 meter, :10.3 (ties record); Mel Patton, 200 meters, :21.1; Mal Whitfield, 800 meters, 1:49.2 (new record); Bill Porter, 110 meter high hurdles, :13.9 (new record); Roy Cochran, 400 meters hurdles, :51.1 (new record) Willie Steele, broad jump, 25 feet 6 inches; Guinn Smith, pole vault, 14 feet 1 1-4 inches; Wilbur Thompson, shotput, 56 feet 2 inches (new record); Bob Mathias, Decathlon, 7,137 points; Barney Ewell, Lorenzo Wright, Harrison Dillard and Mel Patton, 400 meter relay, :40.6; Arthur Harnden, Cliff Bourland, Roy Cochran and Mal Whitfield, 1,600 meter relay, 3:10.4.

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The youngest and coolest champion of all was 17-year-old Bob Mathias in the Decathlon. On the second and final day of the gruelling test he started competing at 10:00 and finished at 10:30 p.m., calmly overtaking the field and winning in pitch dark.

Women's Track and Field—Mrs. Fannie Blankers-Koen, of Holland, blonde, slender, 30-year-old mother of two, completely dominated this side of the games, winning three first places and anchoring the Dutch relay team to victory for a fourth gold medal—two more even than Babe Didrikson won at Los Angeles in 1932. She became the heroine of the games. Alice Coachman won America's only first place, setting an Olympic record in the high jump of 5 feet, 6 1-8 inches.

Men's Swimming—America, in the absence of Japan, swept swimming as never before, taking all eight first places, with Italy winning water polo. Individual winners were: Joe Verdeur, 200 meter breast stroke, 2:39.3, (new record); Jim McClane, 1,500 meter free style, 19:18.5; Alan Stack, 100 meter back stroke, 1:06.4; Sammy Lee, high diving; Bruce Harlan, springboard diving; Wally Ris, 100 meter free style, :57.3 (new record); Wally Smith, 400 meter free style, 4:41, (new record); and the 800 meter relay team, 8:46, (new Olympic and world record).

Alex Jany, the redoubtable French swimmer, failed even to challenge the Americans and became the "flop" of the games.

Women's Swimming—Despite stern Dutch and Danish competition, the American girls came out victorius, with pretty, petite Victoria Draves, the individual star, by virtue of victories in both high and springboard diving. Ann Curtis won the 400 meter free style in 5:17.8 for a new record, and the American 400 meter relay team set a new mark of 4:29.2 in winning. Aug 8-15-48

Basketball—The towering American team, recruited chiefly from the Phillips Oilers and the University of Kentucky, ran away from the field, winning over France, 65 to 21, in the championship game.

Boxing—South Africa dominated fisticuffs with the arguments over judges as bitter as any fights in the ring. Despite American prominence in professional boxing, only one American amateur reached the Olympic finals—Horace Herring, welterweight—and he lost.

Cycling—France took three first and Italy two in the predominantly European sport.

Fencing—France won in fencing, with the U. S. fourth behind Italy, second, and Belgium, third.

Hockey—India took the hockey crown, also, in traditional style.

Rowing—America won the most coveted prize, the eight-oared shell race, with the University of California representing the United States. The stern four of the University of Washington's junior varsity, won the four with coxswain.

Modern Pentathlon—Sweden won, with an American officer, Major G. B. Moore, surprising with second place.

Weight-Lifting—One of the big surprises of the games was America's victory in this usually European-monopolized sport. Individual American champions were: N. De Pietro, bantamweight; F. Spellman, middleweight; S. A. Stancyk, light heavyweight; and John Davis, heavyweight.

Free Style Wrestling—Turkey came out ahead with four firsts, but Glen Brand, middleweight, and Henry Wittenberg, light heavyweight, won individual championships for America.

Greco-Roman Wrestling—Sweden won with Turkey second. The United States did not enter a team.

Yachting—The United States scored well with victories in the six meter and star classes.

Canoeing—Czechoslovakia and the U. S. tied for first in team points, and America won the Canadian pair.

Shooting—The U. S. A. won the team championship, and A. E. Cook took the 50 meter rifle crown.

Soccer—Sweden won, with the U. S. team going out in its first match. Aug 8-15-48

Equestrian—The United States Army team won the tough three-day equestrian event. Mexico took top team and individual honors in the Prix de Nations. Sweden won team dressage and Switzerland individual dressage.

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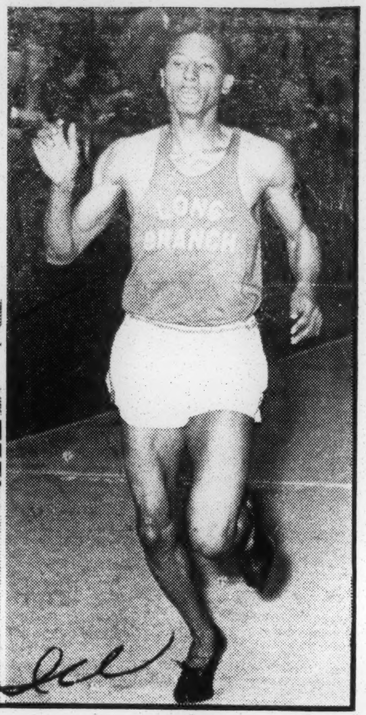
AMERICA'S WHITFIELD, EWELL, DILLARD & PATTON (ON SHIPBOARD)

"You just settle down and go along for the ride."



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JAMAICA'S McKENLEY

Slow Motion Films Show U.S. Won 400-Meter Relay

The Defender

Sat 8-21-48

By RUSS COWANS

LONDON — The United States 400-meters relay team, which was disqualified Saturday after winning that event on the final day of the Olympic track and field championships, was awarded the decision on Tuesday, Aug. 10, after the officials had scanned the movies of the race.

Chicago Ill

The disqualification was on the report of one of the judges, a Britisher, who claimed Barney Ewell passed the baton to Lorenzo Wright beyond the 20-meters passing zone. The pictures, reviewed at slow motion showed the baton passing was legal and with plenty of space to spare before Wright reached the end of his passing zone.

The jury which reversed the decision was made up of seven men. Still pictures of the passing were also shown to the officials and newsmen.

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Third runner on the United States team was Harrison Dillard and the anchor man was Mal Patton, white. The press box winning time was 40.6 but it is most likely that 40.7 will be put down as official. England's time was 41.3.

The decision was the first reversal of a first place win in the history of the Olympics.

MISS ALICE COACHMAN

Hail The Champs!

Journal & Guide

Sat 8-14-48

LONDON, England — Colored Americans who have won first places in the Olympic field and track competition which ended here last Saturday are as follows:

Harrison Dillard — 100-meter dash. Time: 10.3 (Tied Olympic record set by Eddie Tolan, USA, and equaled Jesse Owens, USA.)

Mal Whitfield - 800-meter dash. Time: 1.49.2 (New Olympic record. Former record 1:49.8, set by Tom Hampson of England in 1932 at Los Angeles.)

Willie Steele — Broad Jump. Jump: 25 feet 8 inches. (Short of record set by Jesse Owens, USA, in Berlin in 1936. Owens' mark: 26 feet 3 and 5/16 inches.

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Alice Coachman—Women's high jump. Jump: 5 feet 6⅛ inches. (Equalled Olympic record.)

Miss Patterson Wins 200-Meter Olympic Trial

Herald Tribune

New York N.Y.

Tues. 7-13-48

Tennessee Girl Takes Final in 0:25.3; Nancy Phillips Second in Hurdles Race

PROVIDENCE, R. I., July 12 (AP). —Audbrey Patterson, of Nashville, Tenn., romped to an easy victory over Nell Jackson, of Tuskegee Institute, in the 200-meter final and gained the first victory in the United States Olympic women's final track and field tryouts tonight at Brown University Stadium. The winner's time was 25.3 seconds. Mae Faggs, of New York, was third in the six-girl finale.

The eigthy-meter hurdles finale had an eyelash finish, with Bernice Robinson, of Chicago, bare inches ahead of Nancy Phillips, of Brooklyn, and Theresa Manuel, of Tuskegee Institute, in that order with a 12.4 seconds performance.

For the second time in less than a week, the national Shotput titlist, Mrs. Frances Kaszubski, the Cleveland, Ohio, housewife, outdistanced Dorothy Dodson, of Mundelein, Ill., in her specialty with a 38 feet 8¼ inches. Throw that was almost two feet under her last winning heave at Grand Rapid, Mich.

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Miss Dodson, who collected 26 points, including the national javeline title last week, bettered the national A. A. U. javelin record of 139 feet 3 inches by thirteen inches while repeating in her specialty. Her runner-up at Grand Rapids, Theresa Manuel, of Tuskegee Institute, again placed second with a 115-foot throw. Mrs. Babe Didrikson Zaharias set the 139.3 mark back in Dallas, Tex. Mable Walker, of Tuskegee Institute, turned in the fastest 100-meter dash time of 12.3 seconds, while winning the final by a yard from Audbrey Patterson, of Nashville, Tenn. Third went to Lillian Young of Chicago, with Mary Griggs and Juanita Watson, both of Tuskegee Institute, and Nancy McClurken, of Philadelphia, trailing in that order.

The summaries:

200-Meters—(Trial)— Two to qualify for finals): First Heat: 1, Nell Jackson, Tuskegee Institute; 2, Dorothy Klein, New York. Time, 0:26.1. Also ran—Mabel Thornes, Washington; Anitha Shriver, Fairmount, W. Va. Second heat: 1, Audbrey Patterson, Nashville, Tenn.; . Janet Moreau, Pawtucket, R. I.; 3, Muriel Millheiser, New York. Time, 0:25.3. Third heat: 1, Mae Faggs, New York; 2, Gwendolyn Taylor, Tuskegee Institute; 3, Barbara Hood, Washington. Time, 0:26.4.

200-Meter Run (Final): 1. Audbrey Patterson, Nashville, Tenn; 2, Nell Jackson, Tuskegee Institute; 3, Mae Faggs, New York. Time, 0:25.3.

80-Meter Hurdles (Trials)—First three to qualify for final):

First heat: 1, Nancy Phillips, Brooklyn; 2, Jean Walraven, North Olmsted, O.; 3, Loretta Blaul, New York. Time, 0:12.6. Also ran—Irene Leach, Newton, Mass.; Lillian Purifoy, Tuskegee Institute. Second heat: 1, Bernice Robinson, Chicago; 2, Theresa Manuel, Tuskegee Institute; 3, Muriel Millheiser, New York. Time, 0:12.2. Also ran—Martha Suomi, Lunenburg, Mass.; Helen Sims, Arcadia, Calif.

80-Meter Hurdles (Final): 1, Bernice Robinson, Chicago; 2, Nancy Phillips, Brooklyn; 3, Theresa Manuel, Tuskegee Institute. Time, 0:12.4.

Eight-Pound Shotput—(Trials): 1, Frances Kaszubski, North Olmsted, O., distance, 38 feet, 7¼ inches. Also qualified for final: Dorothy Dodson, Mundelein, Ill.; Amelia Bert, Pawtucket, R. I.; Ramona Harris, New York; Torchi Blasch, Berwin, Ill.; Pauline Ruppeldt, Philadelphia; Doris Sutter, Los Angeles.

Javelin (final): 1, Dorothy Dodson, Mundelein, Ill., distance, 140 feet, 4 inches. (Betters National A. A. U. record of 139 feet, 3 inch record): 2, Theresa Manuel, Tuskegee Institute, 115 feet; 3, Besse Leick, North Olmsted, O., 102 feet, 5inches; 4, Torchi Blasch, Berwin, Ill., 86 feet, 1 inch.

100-meter dash—(Semi-finals—First two to qualify for finals): First heat: 1, Audrey Patterson, Nashville, Tenn.; 2, Mary Griggs, Tuskegee Institute; 3, Janet Moreau, Pawtucket, R. I.; 4, Marie Taylor, New York. Time, 0:12.4. Second heat: 1, Juanita Watson, Tuskegee Institute; 2, Nancy McClurken, Philadelphia; 3, Dorothy Klein, New York; 4, Dorothy Jacobs, Chicago. Time, 0:12.5. Third heat: 1, Mable Walker, Tuskegee Institute 2, Lillian Young, Chicago; 3, Mary Hardaway, Nashville, Tenn.; 4, Jean Walraven, North Olmsted, O. Time, 0:12.5.

Shotput (Final): 1, Mrs. Frances Kaszubzki, Cleveland, distance, 38 feet, 8¼ inches; 2, Dorothy Dodson, Mundelein, Ill., 38 feet, 4 inches½ inches; 3, Romona Harris, New York, 37 feet, 3¾ inches; 4, Amelia Bert, Pawtucket, R. I., 36 feet 1/8 inches.

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100-meter dash (trials)—First two and fastest third to qualify for semi-finals) First heat: 1, Mary Griggs, Tuskegee Institute; 2, Mabel Thornes, Washington; 3, Betty Aurelio, Philadelphia. Time, 0:12:8. Second heat: 1, Audbrey Patterson, Chicago; 2, Bessie Barfield, New York; 3, Barbara Hood, Washington. Time, 0:12.5. Third heat: Janet Moreau, Pawtucket, R. I.; 2, Lillian Young, Chicago; 3, Dolores Dwyer, Brooklyn. Time, 0:12.5. Fourth heat; 1, Juanita Watson, Tuskegee Institute; 2, Mary Taylor, New York; 3, Geraldine Gross, Washington. Time, 0:12.6. Fifth heat: 1, Mabel Walker, Tuskegee Institute; 2, Nancy McClurken, Philadelphia; 3, Ila Hicks jr., Caney, Kan. Time, 0:12.6. Sixth heat: 1, Dorothy Jacobs, Chicago; 2, Dorothy Klein, New York; 3, June Morton, Washington. Time, 0:12.7. Seventh heat: 1, Mary Hardaway, Nashville, Tenn.; 2, Jean Walraven, North Olmsted, O.; 3, Jeanette Jones McKay, Harrisburg, Pa., Time, 0:12.9.

Sepia Stars Hold Olympic Hopes for USA

The Courier

Sat. 7-3-48

CHICAGO—(ANP) — With the final Olympic trials for the United States track squad coming up at Dyche Stadium July 9 and 10, it has become more and more apparent that American hopes rely a great deal on Negro stars.

Pittsburgh Pa

The big three in this group are considered to be Harrison Dillard, Charles Fonville and Willie Steele.

Dillard has won everything and beaten everybody in the hurdles. He is considered the peer of everyone in the 100-meter highs by coaches all over the country.

Fonville, the only man to ever toss the shot-put more than 58 feet, is considered a cinch to take the shot-put title. No one has come close to him this year.

In the broadjump, Willie Steele, who has leaped 27 feet in practice, is considered the number one man. And his competition, what there is of it, comes from colored stars, also. Lorenzo Wright of Wayne, Jim Holland of Northwestern and Fred Johnson of Michigan State are his chief rivals.

Qualifiers in the 800 meters run are expected to be all Negro, too. Mal Whitfield, Ohio State, Reggie Pearman of New York and Phil Thigpen of Seton Hall have proved themselves the best in 1946 competition so far.

The former Colorado ace, Dave Bolen, is expected to be the chief United States threat in the 400 meters run. The sensational 18-year-old San Francisco high school flash, Ollie Matson, may also prove to be a U. S. Olympics star.

Don Barksdale, the basketball star and formerly of UCLA, will be a leader in two events, the high jump and the hop, step and jump. Dave Albritton is also one of the Nation's better high jumpers.

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In the sprints, Bill Mathis, former Illini star, and Barney Ewell are two of the top men. Mathis is the AAU 100-meter champion, and Ewell is the 200-meter titlist.

A couple of colored track streaks running for other nations will be Herb McKenley and Lloyd LaBeach and are expected to star in the Olympics, too.

McKenley, representing Jamaica, is expected to be a cinch in the 400 meters. If he runs in the 200 meters against Dillard, who could possibly make it in this dash, too, fans and coaches expect one of the greatest sprint races in history.

LaBeach has tied the 200-meter record, and is considered one of

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the world's best in the 100 meters. He will represent Panama.

According to Walter Christie, former coach at the University of California, Negroes have developed in the track field because of the achievements of Jesse Owens in the 1936 Olympic games.

Tan Aces Cop 3 World Titles

Afro American

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Records Smashed and Equalled in 2 Tests

STEELE TAKES JUMP

Dillard Whips Ewell, Favored Patton 5th

By OLLIE STEWART
(Exclusive to AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers)

LONDON — Colored athletes captured three world championships in two days of competition as the United States moved to the fore on the international scoreboard in the Olympic games here this week end.

Mal Whitfield, 23-year-old Ohio State sophomore, set a new Olympic record Monday morning to win the 800-meter finals over Arthur Wint, former RAF flyer from Jamaica, and the heavily-favored Marcel Hansen, white, of France. Whitfield covered the distance in 1:49.2 to clip six-tenths of a second off the clocking of Tom Hampson, white Briton, at Los Angeles in 1932.

Whitfield's triumph was the latest of a series of sensational tan-American victories, the first of which was Harrison Dillard's amazing upset of Barney Ewell and Patton in the 100-meters dash on Saturday. A short time after Dillard's score, Willie Steele of San Diego State College, garnered the broad jump laurels.

Runs Powerful Race

Whitfield ran a powerful race to break the tape ahead of a stellar field. Breaking third, the barrel-chested Buckeye shot to the lead at the half way point and matched every threat from the opposition stride for stride. He led Wint by four yards at the finish, indicating a likelihood of an even faster timing had he been the least bit pressed.

Hansen, long recognized as one of the world's greatest half-milers, had nothing to offer that would match the two leaders. He finished a lumbering third. Herb Barten, white, of Michigan, was fourth.

Whitfield's 1:49.2 marked the second time in Olympic games history that 1:50 has been broken. It also marked the second consecutive time the race had gone to a colored American. In 1936, at Berlin, the winner was Johnny Woodruff of Pittsburgh, who was caught in 1:52.9.

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Third 'Century' in Row

Dillard's "century" win was the third in succession for a colored American. Following Tolan's score in 1932, Jesse Owens copped the event in 1936 at Berlin.

Dillard, the ace-hurdler from Baldwin-Wallace College, had been given little chance of defeating Ewell, winner of the final Olympic tryout at Evanston, Ill., last month, and he was held equally outclassed by the highly-regarded Patton. The latter had been featured in three national magazines in the U.S. the past week.

But the doughty little Harrison —called Bones by his teammates because of his frailty—not only turned back these two and numerous threats from other countries. He equalled the 10.3 seconds mark established by Eddie Tolan in the same 1932 meet at Los Angeles.

Barney Ewell, of Lancaster, Pa., was second, caught in 10.4 seconds, with the margin between them so close that a camera had to be called to confirm the judges' decision. Lloyd LaBeach, the Panamanian who has shown classy performances at Wisconsin and UCLA, American Colleges, finished third.

Glorious Climax

Dillard's triumph was a glorious climax to a campaign of noteworthy determination. Shut out in the hurdles, in which he is universally regarded as the greatest of all time, Harrison set his mind to easing the disappointment by winning the 100-meters. Though given little chance to do so, Dillard began working on his starts.

Throughout the trip over on the S.S. America and during the early days of training at Uxbridge, the Ohioan practiced getting off his marks with lightning-like speed. It paid off in the end. On Saturday, he broke first with the starter's gun-blast and led every step of the way. Ewell was gradually cutting down the lead at the finish but the flying Dillard had enough to stand off the ex-Penn State flash.

Mel Patton, white speedster from USC, never had a chance. Head Coach Dean Cromwell's pet, several times in the past year credited with world record times in the 100-yard dash, was a lumbering fifth, barely nipping another colored star, MacDonald Bailey, of Great Britain.

Hugs Coach

At the end, Dillard was so happy he rushed across the stadium to his coach, Eddie Finnigan, white, and hugged, and was hugged like a baby.

Later, when the Star Spangled Banner was played and the crowd stood at attention in honor of the winners, the three colored stars, (Dillard, Ewell and LaBeach) mounted the victory platform to receive their medals.

Ewell provided the comedy touch when he patted the awards official on the back after receiving his second place medal.

Steele Whips Injury

Despite a badly sprained ankle, Steele leaped 25 feet, 8 inches to win the broad jump, an hour later.

Herbert Douglas was third and Lorenzo Wright, fourth. Thus, when the national anthem was again played, two more colored lads (Steele and Douglas) stood on the platform.

An Australian placed second to Steele.

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The weather was cooler than earlier in the week and 80,000 spectators were on hand to yell college style.

Earlier, in the 400 meters hurdles, Duncan White of Ceylon, won second place medal in 51.8 seconds to break the Olympic record.

Malvin Whitfield, USA, and Arthur Wint, Jamaica, qualified for the 800-meters finals on Monday. In the first round of the women's 100-meters, Audrey Patterson, Tennessee State, Mable Walker, Tuskegee, and Lillian Young, Chicago, all placed third in their respective heats. They were thus eliminated as only the first two are qualified for the semi-finals. Theresa Manuel, of Tuskegee, was eliminated before the finals of the women's javelin throw.

D. C. Olympic Champ Not At His Best

The Post

ARTHUR EDWIN COOK, Washington's young Olympic champion, only shot 59 out of 60 bullseyes during the Olympic competition, and it might be because there wasn't any pollen count in London at the time.

It didn't take long to note the relationship between the pollen, count and the sniffling world's champion .22 rifle marksman just after he got home yesterday at 1355 Montague st. nw.

"But I always shoot better in the hay fever season," offered Arthur, trying to explain why his one stray bullet missed the bullseye by 1/32 of an inch. And there was no hay fever around in London on August 4 when Arthur won his gold medal.

"I get so made at my sneezing that I forget about being nervous and I shoot without thinking about it," is why the absence of blooming ragweed at London may have cost Arthur a perfect score.

OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL
Won by Arthur Cook

NEVERTHELESS, his score of 499 out of 600 in the 50 meter rifle event was a new world's record and the 20-year-old Maryland U. junior was happy and relaxed as he went about unpacking from his triumphant tour.

"They treated us swell and although a few guys complained about the judges, I thought it was the fairest scoring I ever saw," answered Arthur when asked about the reported "rhubarbs" with the Olympics officials.

Naturally, his Olympic medal and world's championship were the nicest things that happened to him but Arthur can's say enough about his two-day tour of Switzerland afterward.

Arthur would have you believe it was Switerland's mountain scenery that bewitched him until he gets to talking about the target shooting.

"WHY SHHOTING'S the national sport there. That's why the Germans didn't invade it—everybody's a crack shot there," Arthur says with awe, and it is clear that there is more than the Alps in Switerland's attraction for Arthur Cook. In Paris, Arthur says a little listlessly, "you could get a good steak dinner for a dollar, but that's all."

He'll have little time to celebrate his victory. Arthur needs tuition for his junior year at Maryland and the rest of the summer will be spent trying to earn it.

He helped the Terrapin rifle team take the National Intercollegiate Championship in 1947.

If successful, he'll major in mechanical engineering, hoping eventually to use it in some phase of "the gun business."

Arthur's mother, Mrs. Corda P. Cook, sweated him out during his six wekes' absence and she thinks she wa siustified.

Joe Yancey Named Coach of Jamaican Olympic Team

Afro American

Sat 7-3-48

NEW YORK — Joseph J. Yancey Jr., 36-year-old coach of the New York Pioneer Club, was last Saturday named head coach of the Jamaica Olympic team which will compete in the Olympic Games at London next month and be led by Herbert McKenley, holder of the world's record for the quarter-mile run.

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Announcement of Yancey's appointment was made at the Triborough Stadium last Saturday by Herbert MacDonald, representative of the British Labor Committee at Washington and one time president of the Jamaica Olympic Committee.

MacDonald made the announcement shortly after McKenley had cracked his own existing world's record for the quarter-mile in a special race run as a feature of the Metropolitan AAU track and field championships.

One of the most widely known sport figures in the East, Yancey this year was awarded the New York Track Writers annual award as the man who has done most to further track activities in the Metropolitan area.

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Will Not Accept Pay

Married and a father, Yancey, a deputy collector of internal revenue, is one of the organizers and founders of the Pioneer Athletic Club, an interracial group of athletes when he has coached to national prominence in the track circles. He won the admiration of the Jamaican group last year when he carried a group of American athletes there for a carnival and made several speeches on track and field during the visit.

Jamaica Wins 400-Meter Run

Advertiser
Montgomery, Ala.

First Time Uncle Sam's Boys Have Lost Event In Twenty Years

Fri. 8-6-48

By GAYLE TALBOT

OLYMPIC STADIUM, WEMBLEY, ENGLAND —(AP)— America's 20-year monopoly on the Olympic 400-meter run went boom yesterday when a pair of former high school teammates from Kingston, Jamaica, ran the legs off the best Uncle Sam could produce.

One of them, a gangling, coffee-colored speedster named Arthur Wint, circled the red Olympic track in 46.2 seconds to win the classic middle-distance event by two yards and equal the games record set by Bill Carr of the United States at Los Angeles in 1932. 8-6 48

The towering Jamaican made up fully six yards in a spectacular stretch drive in which he nailed his countryman, the famous Herb McKinley, 15 yards from the finish wire.

McKinley, in turn, flashed across four yards in front of Mal Whitfield, the American Air Forces sergeant who earlier in the week captured the 800 meters.

None of the other three finalists ever figured in the race, run over a track somewhat soft from intermittent rain. Dave Bolen, graduate of Colorado University, took fourth place; Morris Curotta of Australia was fifth, and George Guida of Villanova sixth.

The two flying Jamaicans broke a string of American successes which began when Ray Barbuti captured the 400 at Amsterdam in 1928. They also shattered Coach Dean Cromwell's hopes of sweeping every flat race in the present games from the 10 through the 800 meters.

Another great crowd near the stadium's capacity of 80,000 sat through the showers as the American track and field forces failed for only the second day since the games began to win a first place.

Those fans, who have attended the games in amazing numbers, finally heard the band play "God Save The King" when Wint received the victor's salute.

Three blond, tireless Swedes ran away with the day's other final, the 3,000-meter steeplechase, breaking a monopoly the Finns had enjoled since 1924.

The sweep gave the Swedes their third track and field triumph and strengthened their hold on second place among the nations. The United States was far in the lead with eight firsts. No other country had more than one.

Tore Sjoestrand won the long test over hurdles and through a water jump in the time of 9 minutes, 4.6 seconds, finishing some 20 yards in front of his teammate, Erik Elmsaeter, who was clocked in 9:8.2. Gote Hagstrom loped in third, another 30 yards back, and A. Cuyode of Italy was fourth. Fri. 8-6-48

The only American among the dozen finalists was Browning Ross, a little gamster from Villanova. He finished seventh, but he gave it a try. He stayed right up with the front-running Swedes, and was second with only four laps to go. From there on, though, his legs began to wilt, and at the end he was about 100 yards away.

While America's dry land athletes were drawing a blank on the score sheet, her water stars in the nearby Empire Pool were busy breaking more records and chalking up their third straight diving title.

Lieut. Sammy Lee, 28-year-old medical officer from Pasadena, Calif., won a clean-cut decision over 25 of the world's greatest diving stars in the high tower event. This was added to the men's and women's springboard titles, already salted away by the American team. Another first is confidently expected tomorrow in the women's high dive.

JOE VERDEUR
Swimmer

Joe Verdeur of Philadelphia chalked up a new Olympic record of 2:40 in winning his heat of the 200-meter breaststroke swim. The old mark was 2:42.5, set by Tetsuo Hamuro of Japan in 1936.

The women's 100-meter breast stroke champion, however, went to Karen Margrethe Harup of Denmark, who defeated Suzanne Zimmerman of Portland, Ore., and lowered the Olympic record to 1:14.4. Miss Zimmerman was second. 8-6-48

Greta Andersen of Denmark, already winner of the women's 100-meter free style swim and favorite to win the 400-meter, was stricken by a stomach cramp in her preliminary heat of the latter event today and was fished unconscious from the water.

Something similar occurred during the preliminaries of the women's 200-meter dash in the stadium. In the third heat, O. Sienerova, a Czech girl, was out in front and flying about 15 yards from the the finish line when she faltered, stumbled and fell flat on her face. A second later another runner in the same race, Phyllis-Marjorie Lightbourn of Bermuda, sprawled on the track after breasting the tape.

Miss Sienerova was able to leave the premises under her own steam after a short rest, but medical attendants spent some time bringing the other girl around. The 200-meters is being run by women for the first time in these games, and it looks strenuous for the fair sex.

Audrew Patterson, a tall Negro girl from New Orleans, was the only one of three American entrants to qualify for tomorrow's final. Nell Jackson, of Tuskegee, and Mae Faggs, of New York, both failed to survive the opening heat. 8-6-48

Mrs. Fannie Blankers-Koen, the 30-year-old Dutch matron who already has won the 100-meter dash and 80-meter hurdles, looks like a cinch to win this one, too, and become the first women's triple Olympic victor. Babe Didrikson won two at Los Angeles in 1932. Fri. 8-6-48

In the first of today's two semi-final heats, Miss Patterson finished about five yards behind the Dutch phenom. The winning time, 24.3 seconds, did not indicate that the world record of 23.6 set by Stella Walsh in 1935 will be in much danger tomorrow.

Mal Whitfield was the most disappointed man in the stadium after his failure to win the 400 meters—or, in fact, even to put up a serious challenge to Wint and McKenley for the title.

"I don't know what happened to me," he mourned. "I guess I must have been too sure of winning."

It had been the sergeant's dream to become the first Olympic runner ever to win both the 400 and the 800. As it turned out, Wint came closer to doing just that than Whitfield did. The six-foot, 4-inch runner from the West Indies nearly beat Whitfield in the earlier 800, and failed only because he started his closing sprint a few seconds too late.

He made no mistake today. He let McKenley set the burning early pace, and was trailing by fully four yards when they entered the straightaway 100 meters from the finish. Whitfield at that point was two yards back of Wint, and it was obvious he couldn't win. It was a question only of whether Wint could overhaul his teammate. 8-6-48

As they came down the stretch Wint slowly lengthened his stride and crept up on McKenley. Herb, who is awaiting recognition of a new world mark of 45.9 for the 400, couldn't hold off the challenge. Fifteen yards out, wint moved majestically past him and won going away. The Jamaica boy looked at that moment like a great runner.

Whitfield had a feeling after it was over that the two Jamaicans might have planned the thing—McKenley to kill off the American with a terrific early run and Wint to come up and win—but it didn't look that way from the stands. McKenley resembled a man who was trying to win a race for himself, and couldn't.

The first five events of the decathlon, supreme test of speed, skill and strength, found the three American competitors sitting comfortably in third, fourth and fifth positions tonight, with five more events to be decided tomorrow. 8-6-48

Leading the field of 33 at the halfway point was Enrique Kistenmacher, a versatile Argentine, with a total of 3,897 points. Second was Ignace Heinrich, of France, with 3,880. Bob Mathias, the 17-year-old schoolboy from Tulane, Calif., was third, with 3,848; Floyd Simmons, formerly of the University of North Carolina, fourth with 3,843, and big Irv Mondschein, of New York University, fifth with 3,811.

Kistenmacher piled up his lead by setting the day's fastest time in the 100 meters—10.9 seconds; tying for first in the broad jump with a leap of 23 feet, 2 3-4 inches, and winning the 400-meter run. The Americans expect him to fade in the weight events.

None of the Americans won an event today, though the three tied with several others for first place in the high jump at 6 feet, 1 1-4 inches. Hondschein ran the second fastest 400 feters. On tomorrow's card remain the 110 meters hurdles, discus throw, pole vault, javelin throw and 1,500-meter run.

The finish of the decathlon and trial heats of the two relay races—400 and 1,600 meters—will offer the Americans their best chances of getting in a lick tomorrow. The Swedes, led by Lennart Strand, are certain to make almost as great a show of the 1,500-meter final as they did of the steeplechase. 8-6-48

In addition to Strand, co-holder of the world mile record, the Swedes of the 1,500 include Henry Erikkson and Goesta Bergkvist, who are in the same class. Out of four preliminary heats, they won three. That was all the entries they were allowed.

The Americans still feel that the 'Kid." Mathias, will come up to win the decathlon and they look upon both relay races as their property. Jamaica, with McKenley, Wint and George Rhoden, another fine middle-distance runner, could be a real threat in the 1,600-meter relay. But there isn't a fourth of the same class, so far as anyone knows. 8-6-48

Olympi

Afro American

By OLLIE STEWART
(Exclusive to AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers)

LONDON — Getting around to see all the teams arriving in London for the Olympics is extremely difficult, not to mention being physically impossible, because they are not all using the stadium at Uxbridge for training purposes.

But in addition to the Jamaica team with the great Herb McKenley, I have managed to see some other stars from countries close to the USA.

The Bermuda squad has two men and four men in track and field events. They are:

Phillis Edness — 100 and 200 meters.

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Phillis Lightbourn—100 and 200 meters, and the broad jump.

Perry Johnson — 100 and 200 meters.

Francis Mahoney — 200 meters and 1600 meters relay.

Stanley Lines — 100 and 200 meters.

Hazzard Dill — 400 meters and 1600 meters relay.

Bermuda has Francis Goslin in the diving events. Others in water events, mainly swimming, are Derrick Oatway, Cook, Tribley Bardgett and Shanks.

The British Guinea team is small, with only four representatives. They are:

Charles Thompson—100 meters, broad jump and hop, step and jump.

Laddie Lewis—cyclist.

Orlando Chaves — weightlifting (middleweight).

Alphanso Correia —weightlifter (featherweight).

Many of the athletes will barnstorm through Europe after the Olympics. Talking with McKenley and Whitfield just before the games began, I learned that both are going on from London to Paris, then to Scandinavia, Czechoslovakia and Turkey. They don't expect to be back in the States until sometime in September.

Whitfield to Specialize

Incidentally, Whitfield says that if he wins the Olympic 400-meters he will concentrate only on the 800-meters afterward. McKenley also indicated that he too has plans for quitting the quarter-mile in favor of a longer race.

Whitfield is in the Army Air Corps, and says he has a job in the Pentagon in Special Service, when he gets back home.

Most of the athletes come into London almost every night, for a spot of dancing. They say it doesn't bother them—but one or two coaches have been carrying a frown around. They wish the boys would go to bed before midnight. The kids say they only wanted a little fun to break the monotony before the games began—and after the opening gun sounds, no more clubs at night.

Some new mechanical gadgets will be on tap for the Games. For instance, all pole vault and high jump equipment will be made of aluminum, as will the hurdles. This will prevent bar sag in jumping, and aluminum hurdles are much better than the old wooden standards.

There will be a remote control starter's pistol, which can be heard simultaneously by all starters in echelon. Then the photographic finish apparatus, like in horse racing, to record position and time automatically on film.

8 Scoreboards

Since it would be impossible to announce results in the language of every nation competing, only English and French will be used—and God help those who cannot understand either. The scoreboard with flags is all they will have to aid them.

Eight scoreboards will be in operation at all times, and will indicate distances in meters and feet for events like broad jump and discus throw.

Many Late-Comers

Right up to the last minute the teams kept arriving with bright-eyed athletes from all over the world. Some competitors flew in just before the opening ceremonies began. Here are some of the late comers.

Trinidad—W. Tull, 800 and 1500 meters; G. Lewis, 100 and 200 meters; M. Ramjohn, 5000 and 10,000 meters; Compton Gonzales, cyclist; Rodney Wilkes, weightlifter, featherweight.

Panama — Lloyd LaBeach, 100 and 200 meters. LaBeach, a student at UCLA, has done most of his running in the USA. A junior in college, he flew in direct from Los Angeles, and will compete in post-Olympic meets in Sweden. After school, he plans to go into business in California.

LaBeach is the one-man team from Panama.

Singapore likewise has a one-man team.

Peru has three colored. They are Maximo Reyes, hop, step and jump; Antero Mongrut, 800 meters; and Eduardo Julve, discus.

Puerto Rico—Juan E. Venegas, bantamweight boxer, who won the Golden Gloves title at Chicago; Israel Quitcon, lightheavy, who was Eastern champion in the New York Golden Gloves; and Clotilde Colon, featherweight.

Puerto Rican track and field men are Jose Vicent, pole vault; Julio Sabater, 110 high hurdles; Benjamin Casado, high jump; and Jose Babosa, pole vault.

In addition, there is Miguel Barasorda, pistols; and William Johnson, rifle shooting. Johnson is rifle champion of Central America.

France has one athlete from Dakar, Senegal. He is 18-year-old Thiam, who competes in the high jump. His best jump is six feet two.

Lass Wins In High Jump; Relay Wins Split

Journal Guide

Ewell Says He Didn't Official Says He Did As Technicality Ruins 400 Relay Win

Special to Journal and Guide

LONDON, England—As America continued to rack up points in field and track competition in the 14th Olympiad at Olympic Stadium, Wemberley, Miss Alice Coachman of Tuskegee Institute starred for the American women entries and the Yanks on the U. S. team continued to hold sway, even though the first discordant note in the Games was sounded when an American victory was nullified in the 400 meter relay Saturday.

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Calling the end to a disappointweek in which America's women tracksters were overshadowed, Miss Coachman waited until the end of the final day's track program to win the high jump event with an Olympic record leap of 5 feet 6⅛ inches.

England

Pushing Miss Coachman for the honor was Miss Dorothy Tyler of Great Britian, who forced Miss Coachman all the way as darkness fell on the huge expanse of Olympic Stadium Saturday evening.

As a few die-hard fans look on, the two young ladies, Miss Coachman trim and tan, and Miss Tyler, visibly flustered, fought it out.

Both women soared to the winning height, but Miss Coachman took one leap less to reach the figure, and therein lay her victory.

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400 RELAY CONTROVERSY

The first Apple of Discord was cast among the participants in the Games on Saturday evening when the obvious win of the U. S. entry in the 400-meter relay was nullified by the officials.

Officials ruled that Barney, Ewell, running on the relay team comprised of Harrison Dillard, Mel Patton, Lorenzo Wright and himself, had passed over the 20-meter zone where it is permissable to pass a baton when he handed the baton to Wright.

EWELL'S STATEMENT UPHELD

Ewell steadfastly contended that he had not done so, and his contention was upheld by Dean Cormwell, coach of the American team, who gave notice that he would file a formal protest.

In the actual running of the relay, Harrison Dillard, the 100-meter champion, gained some eight yards on his rival, Ken Jones of Great Britian, in the third lap. Mel Patton, the 200-meter ace, had no trouble in retaining that lead in the final sprint to the wire.

As the American foursome came off the field amid thunderous ovation, it was thought that the U. S. squad had won, and no indication was given that the Americans had not won until the band began playing "God Save the King," indicating a British victory.

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Of the protest victory the British relaymen said "We do not feel very happy about it."

Mother Welcomes Olympic Champion

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The whole town of Albany, Ga., turned out to welcome home Alice Coachman (right), winner of the women's high jump at the recent Olympics in London, but happiest of all those who greeted the young champion was her mother, Mrs. Evelyn Coachman (center). At left is C. V. Clay of Georgia State College in Savannah, one of many out-of-town visitors.—**(Other photos inside.)**

Yanks Set Two New Olympic Records, Equal A Third, In Gaining 56 Points

Sat 7-31-48

LONDON, July 31—(UP)—The United States blazed into the lead in the race for unofficial team honors in the Olympic games today, winning all of the first four events completed.

The Yanks set two new Olympic records and equalled a third as they amassed 56 points.

Roy Cochran of Los Angeles charged to victory in the 400-meter low hurdles, setting a new record of 51.1 seconds. Wally Ris of Iowa university set a new mark of 57.3 seconds in the 100-meter free-style swim as he won that championship.

Dillard Equals Mark

Harrison Dillard of Baldwin-Wallace won the 100-meter dash in a photofinish, equalling the record of 10.3 seconds, and Bruce Harlan of Ohio State won the springboard diving title.

Harrison Dillard

Nell Van Vliet of Holland also set a new record today when she was timed at 2 minutes 57 seconds in the women's 200-meter breast stroke swim.

Dillard's victory was the most thrilling. The Negro who failed to qualify in the hurdles, his specialty, finished so close to teammate Barney Ewell of Lancaster, Pa., that photography was necessary to determine the winner.

Before the official result was announced, Ewell apparently thought he won, for he leaped about the track jubilantly. But Dillard was given first place, and Ewell second. Mel Patton of Southern California, who was favored in the event, finished fifth.

Ewell had to finish with a tremendous burst of speed the last 40 yards. He was running fifth when he opened up. Dillard broke his stride once, and that was to lunge at the tape as Ewell made his supreme effort.

The 10.3 seconds time equalled the record set by Ed Tolan at Los Angeles in 1936. Jesse Owens did 10.2 in 1936 but it was not allowed because of the wind.

Cochran finished five yards ahead of Duncan White of Ceylon, breaking the 400-meter hurdles record of 51.9 set yesterday by Rune Larsson of Sweden and equalled by Cochran himself a few moments after it was set.

Larsson finished third today, with Dick Ault of Missouri fourth.

Ris Cuts Water

Ris won his swimming event handily, with Alan Ford of Yale second. Keith Carter of Purdue, the third Yank in the field, was fourth and Alex Jany of France, the world record-holder, was fifth.

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Harlan won the dive with 163.64 points after leading all the way. Miller Anderson of Ohio State was second with 157.29 and Lt. Sammy Lee of the U. S. army was third with 145.52. That gave the U. S. A. 1-2-3 clean sweep in the dive.

Anderson tried desperately to overtake Harlan by making the greatest dive of the meet, a three and one-half somersault, on his last day. He cut the water like a knife.

The U. S. meanwhile was rolling along merrily in other events. Robert Bennett of Apponaug, R. I., with 167 feet 8 1-4 inches, Henry Dreyer of Merion, Pa., with 165 feet 2 1-2 inches, and Sem Felton, Jr., of Harvard with 161 feet 5 3-8 inches all qualified for the finals in the hammer throw.

Broad Jumpers

In the broad jump, Willie Steele of San Diego State had 25 feet 6 1-2 inches, Lorenzo Wright of Wayne had 24 feet 8 1-2 inches and Herbert Douglas of Pittsburgh had 23-9 to qualify.

All three Americans were eliminated in the women's 100-meter dash. They were Audrey Patterson of Nashville, Tenn., Lillian Young of Chicago and Mabel Walker of Tuskegee, Ala.

The Yank fencing team beat Britain in the semifinals by four hits, and Janice Lee York of Los Angeles ranked second after the first round individual foils with four wins.

In wrestling, flyweight William Jermigan of Oklahoma A. & M. lost to K. D. Jadav of India, bantamweight Gerald Leeman of Iowa Teachers decisioned R. Cazaux of Britain, lightweight William Koll of Iowa Teachers decisioned Ahmad Hassan of Egypt, welterweight Leland Merrill of New York decisioned A. Wintergren of Sweden and Featherweight Hal Moore of Oklahoma A. & M. lost to Hassan Saidan of Iran.

Hank Herring Takes 1st US Olympic Boxing Win

Journal & Guide

Sat 8-14-48

LONDON, England—Horace "Hank" Herring, US Olympic boxing team welterweight performer, started the ball rolling in the boxing competition last Saturday when he took a three-round decision over E. Bombart of Belgium.

Herring, who is 23 years of age and is a steward's mate in the Navy fighting out of the Naval Repair Base at San Diego, used his vicious left to good advantage in the opening day's fight program.

Getting his "English" to working rapidly, Herring dropped the Belgian for no count in the fight round, and then teed off an sent his adversary to the canvas again in the second to win the 3-round diicision.

The only other American boxer to see action in the opening day's activities was Bill Bossio of the United States Navy and Pittsburgh, Pa. Bossier, a white youth, dropped his decision to J. M. Gronot of France in the bantamweight division.

Both Bossio and Herring saw much action in the many Naval championship bouts staged before the members of the American Olympic boxing squad were selected.

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Herring is a native of St. Petersburg, Fla., stands 5 feet 7½ inches and closel resembles Henry Armstrong. Of the 55 fights he fought in Navy competition, he won 50, lost 4 and drew 1.

Among the championship he presently holds are the 1945 Africa Theatre championship; the 1946 China Welterweight championship; the 1946 China Lightheavyweight championship; the 1947 11th Naval District Welter title; the 1947 Pacific Fleet championship; the 1947 all-Navy Welter championship; the 1947 Army-Navy Welter championship; the 1948 11th Naval District championship and the 1948 all-Navy Welterweight championship.

He scored five consecutive 1st round knockouts in the 1948 11th Naval District Meet, and was a feature on the various fight cards held at Norfolk, Va.

Negro Girls In 1936 Olympic Games

Commentator

At Sea Aboard The Marine Shark - (ANP) - When I reported to the Olympic committee headquarters in New York for my credentials, I was handed, along with my identity card, some Olympic stickers and baggage tags to be tied and stuck on my baggage. According to Mr. Lennon, one of the Olympic com- and tags containing the Olympic mittee assistants, those stickers shield would help me in England. They might help me in England, but here on the ship those stickers have been a signal for many passengers to ask difficult questions about the past and coming Olympics.

Just this morning a German lady stopped me and inquired about the two Negro track girls who competed in Berlin in the 1936 Olympic games. She later told me that she had seen the last games in Berlin and those two girls had impressed her. supposed to know. It so happened that I had just looked through my track-folder the day before and remembered a few things about those two young ladies.

Pontiac, Mich

Do you know who those two Negro girls were who represented the .U S. in the last Olympics? Then the bit of information I have might be of interest to you.

Sat. 7-17-48

The were Tidye Pickett, the star 80 meter hurdler from Chicago District Playgrounds, and Louise Stokes the 100 meter sprinter from Malden, Mass.

According to the information I was able to get, both of the girls were good in their specialties but not good enough to be chosen on the team which was sailing to Germany with all their expenses paid by the Olympic committee.

Pickett and Stokes backers were not satisfied that those two young ladies weren't good enough to place in the Olympic finals in Berlin. So by different methods those disbelievers raised sufficient funds to send the girls along with the Olympic team to Berlin.

I was told about the mad scramble one of the girls had in order to make the boat just before sailing time. It seems to have been rather embarrassing for the Olympic team, because many of the people who heard about the incident got the wrong information.

Commentator

Tidye Pickett had very bad luck in her Olympic venture. She fell after hitting the second hurdle during the 80 meter hurdle trials and hurt her shoulder. She was eliminated.

Louise Stokes did not place in the 100 meters. In fact, many men would have had trouble placing in that 11.5 seconds 100 meters which Helen Stephens streaked through to win. Incidentally, the 100 meter champjionship was one of the few championships our women's track team was able to win in 1936.

As a result of the poor showing made by the 1936 Olympic women's track team, the committee decided to set a minimum time standard, in order to be considered as a member of the 1948 American women's team. Any woman contestant whose to, or better than the time made registered time is not equivalent by the woman who placed eighth during the 1936 Olympics, would not be considered as a member of the 1948 team.

In addition the committee decided:

No athlete should be allowed to finance himself as a member of a competing team.

No person or groups of persons would be allowed to earmark their Olympic contributions for any individual athlete.

Rather a drastic change in the rules as compared to the other Olympics but many think these changes are necessary in order to have stronger women's teams.

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The last question the German woman asked me I could not answer. She wanted to know how many Negro track women we would have in the coming Olympics. The reason I could not answer that question was, our girls have not been doing too well in the big meets so far this year. I finally told her that question would have to wait until after the Women's Olympic Team finals July 12, in Providence, Rhode Island.

U. S. SENDS ABROAD 'BEST SQUAD EVER'

New York Times

Brundage Lavish In Praise of

Olympic Team as Main Body for 13 Sports Departs

New York N.Y.

$500,000 DRIVE 'OVER TOP'

Financing of Trip Assured—Well-Wishers Jam Pier for Send-Off to Athletes

Thu. 7-15-48

By JOSEPH M. SHEEHAN

With throngs of well-wishers crowding the pier, the main contingent of the United States Olympic team, numbering 260 athletes and forty-four authorized officials for thirteen sports, sailed yesterday aboard the S. S. America, bound for London, where the games of the XIV Olympiad of the modern era will be celebrated from July 29 to Aug. 14.

The luxurious flagship of the United States Lines eased out into the stream with a shattering blast of its whistle at 4:25 P. M., the symbolic five-ringed Olympic flag fluttering bravely from its foremast as this country's athletic aristocracy lined the rails to receive a parting salute.

The men and women aboard—there were forty of the latter among the athletes—were harried and tired from the ordeal of final tryouts, processing for the pilgrimage abroad and hasty farewells but were a happy, confident lot, withal. The ambition of a lifetime had been fulfilled for all and further success was preordained for many.

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Brundage Report Cheering

At pre-sailing ceremonies on the spacious afterdeck, Avery Brundage, president of the United States Olympic Committee, described the team that will wear the Stars and Stripes in the first post-war renewal of the greatest of all international athletic carnivals as the "best all-around squad we have ever sent abroad."

At the same time he alleviated the anxiety of many team members who had to dig down and expected to dig down more to defray their expenses by reporting that an eleventh-hour flood of contributions and pledges of further aid had put the committee "over the top" in its drive to raise the $500,000 plus necessary to finance the Olympic venture.

One contribution that put a sizable reef in the $60,000 deficit reported earlier in the week by Owen Van Camp, Olympic Committee treasurer, was a New York Athletic Club check for $10,000 delivered to Brundage on board by Edward M. Swinburne, chairman of the Winged Foot organization's athletic committee. Other donations, large and small, poured into the committee's offices from other sources.

Having worked so hard to earn their berths, the Olympic athletes were taking no chances of "missing the boat" and the ship was loaded with bronzed, broad-shouldered young men and women flaunting the red, white and blue United States Olympic shield, long before the hour of sailing.

Cameramen Besiege Olympians

One aboard and located in their cabins, the Olympians wasted no time below decks but thronged to the assembly point on the sweeping open deck on the stern. There they milled about, besieged by cameramen and interviewers, each new arrival drawing a fresh cotterie of supplicants.

By 3 P. M., virtually the entire squad was gathered aft. There Marty Glickman, himself a sprinter on the 1936 team, took over at the microphone, introducing leading officials and prominent members of the various teams to those on hand and to his listening audience.

At the departure ceremony, Vincent R. Impellitteri, president of the City Council and acting Mayor, promised that "when you return to New York bearing all your trophies, we will give you a parade and a real welcome at City Hall.

Before he stepped down, the acting Mayor called Miss Mae Faggs to the platform. This 16-year-old Negro girl from the Police Athletic League, a sprinter on the omen's track and field squad, is the youngest member of the team, which ranges in age to 52-year-old Ralph Craig of Albany, who scored a double triumph in the 100 and 200 meter dashes at Stockholm in 1912 and is going abroad again as a yachting alternate.

Good Representation Promised

Congratulating each member of the team for his "ability and perseverance in winning an Olympic berth that no one can buy," Brundage assured his audience that "you will have good representatives at London."

"These athletes have learned other things than to run and jump. They have learned fair play and good sportsmanship. They have learned to take care of themselves, yet respect the rights of others. They are good citizens as well as fine athletes and you will have reason to be proud of them in every way," he said.

Thanking the spots-minded public for its generosity in supporting the team, Brundage expressed particular appreciation for the cooperation of professional sports. He cited the contributions by the California race tracks, the minor league baseball clubs and Ike Williams, world lightweight boxing champion.

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On board the Olympic transport were the basketball, boxing, canoeing, cycling, field hockey, gymnastics, shooting rowing soccer, women's swimming, track and field, weight lifting and wrestling squads.

In addition to the officials assigned to the various sports, two doctors, two nurses, seven trainers, a chef, a steward and the administrative officers of the Olympic Committee, totaling thirty-two, went along.

Many other officials, coaches and even a stray athlete or two—like Joe McCluskey, the steeplechase runner who failed in a bid to make the team for a third time—also were on board at their own expense. Completing the entourage were a majority of the record number of correspondents who will chronicle the activities of our athletes abroad.

The modern pentathlon team, a four-man group of Army officers trained at West Point, got the jump on the rest of the Olympians by flying across early yesterday and the nine-man equestrian squad, another Army group, has been in Europe for several weeks.

At midnight tonight the yachting and fencing squads are scheduled to sail on the Cunard White Star liner Queen Elizabeth. The men swimmers and the water polo squad will fly in from Detroit today and take off tomorrow in a chartered American Overseas Airlines plane.

In all, the United States will be represented by 341 athletes, biggest entry of the sixty-two competing nations.

Prospects of success are particularly bright in men's track and field, where a chance exists of matching the record 1936 haul of twelve titles; men's swimming, where seven of the eight championships are within reach, and basketball, a sport in which our tall and talented operatives are beyond compare.

U. S. Gold Medal Winners

LONDON, Aug. 13 (UP) — The following Americans won gold medals in the 1948 Olympic Games:

MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

100-Meter Dash—Harrison Dillard, Baldwin-Wallace.
200-Meter Dash—Mel Patton, Southern California.
800-Meter Run—Malvin Whitfield, Ohio State.
110-Meter High Hurdles—Bill Porter, Northwestern.
400-Meter Hurdles—Roy Cochran, Los Angeles.
400-Meter Relay—Barney Ewell, Lancaster, Pa., Lorenzo Wright, Wayne University; Dillard, Patton.
1,600-Meter Relay—Hart Harnden, Texas A. and M.; Cliff Bourland, Los Angeles; Cochran, Whitfield.
Broad Jump—Willie Steele, San Diego.
Pole Vault—Owen Guinn Smith, San Francisco Olympic Club.
Shot-Put—Wilbur Thomspon, Southern California.
Decathlon—Bob Mathias, Tulare, Calif.

WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

High Jump—Alice Coachman, Albany, Ga.

MEN'S SWIMMING

100-Meter Free Style—Wally Ris, University of Iowa.
400-Meter Free Style—Bill Smith, Ohio State.
1,500-Meter Free Style—Jimmy McLane, Akron, Ohio.
100-Meter Backstroke—Allen Stack, Yale.
200-Meter Breaststroke—Joe Verdeur, La Salle College, Philadelphia.
800-Meter Free Style Relay—Ris, McLane, Wally Wolf of Los Angeles, Smith.
Springboard Diving—Bruce Harlan, Ohio State.
Platform Diving—Lt. Sammy Lee, Pasadena, Calif.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

400-Meter Free Style—Ann Curtis, University of California.
400-Meter Free Style Relay—Marie Corridon, Norwalk, Conn.; Thelma Kalama, Hawaii; Brenda Helser, Los Angeles; Miss Curtis.
Springboard Diving—Mrs. Victoria Manalo Draves, Los Angeles.
Platform Diving—Mrs. Draves.

WEIGHT-LIFTING

Bantamweight—Joe DiPietro, Paterson, N. J.
Middleweight—Frank Spellman, York, Pa.
Light-Heavyweight—Stanley Stanczyk, York, Pa.
Heavyweight—John Davis, New York.

ROWING

Eights—University of California.
Fours With Coxswain—University of Washington.

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CANOEING

10,000-Meter Canadian Tandem—Steve Lysak, Steve Macknowski, Newark, N. J.

YACHTING

Six-Meter Class—Llanoria (Herman F. Whiton, skipper).
Star Class—Hilarius (Paul Smart, Hilary Smart, Noroton, Conn.).

SHOOTING

50-Meter Small-Bore Rifle—Arthur Cook, Washington, D. C.

WRESTLING (FREE-STYLE)

Middleweight—Glenn Brand, Iowa State.
Light-Heavyweight—Henry Wittenberg, New York.

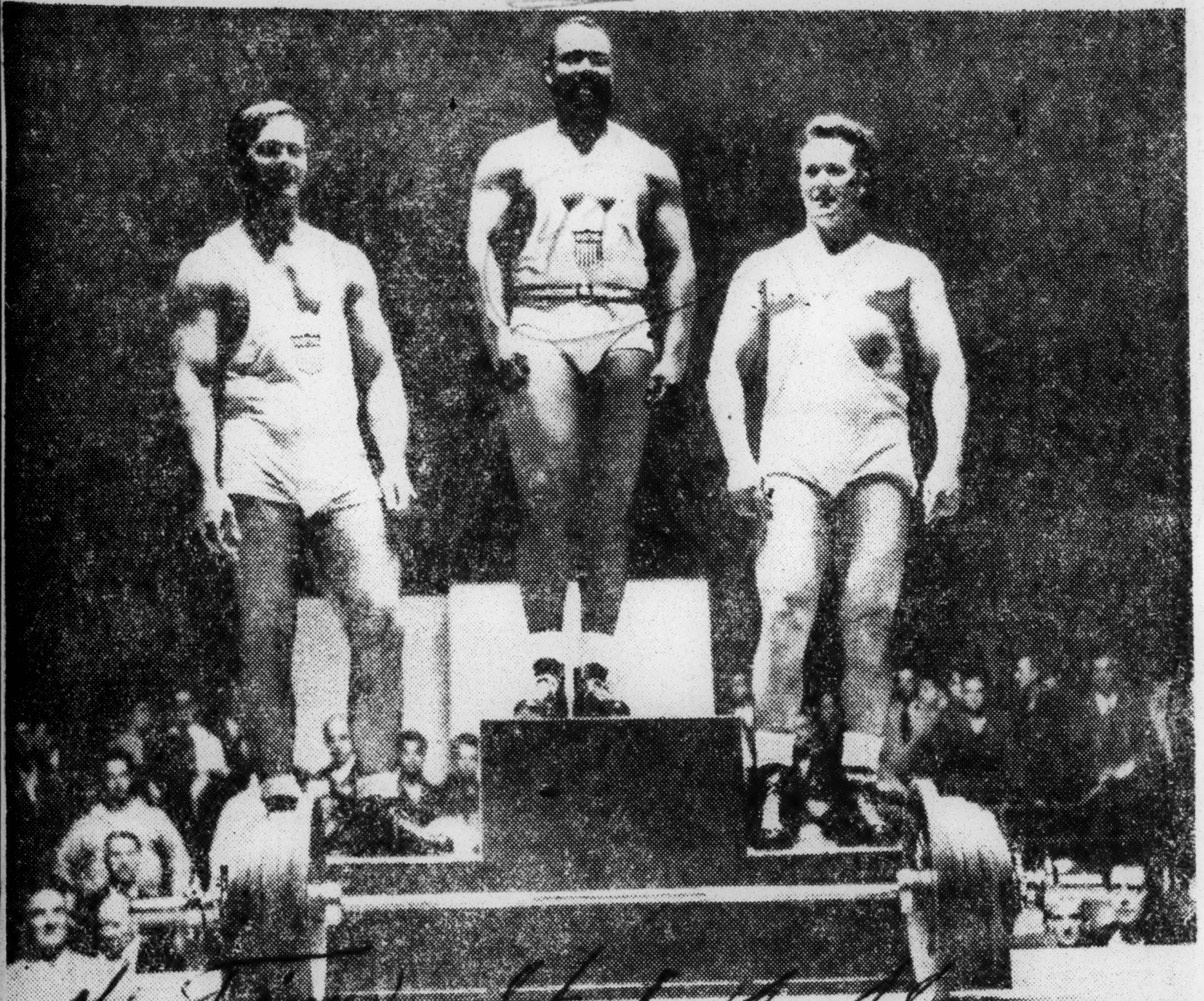
EQUESTRIAN

Three-Day Event Team—Lt. Col. S. S. Henry, Lt. Col. C. H. Anderson, Lt. Col. E. S. Thompson.

BASKETBALL

Louis W. Beck Jr., Gordon Carpenter, Robert A. Kurland, R. C. Pitts, and Jesse Renick, Phillips Oilers, Bartlesville, Okla.; Clifford E. Barker, Ralph M. Beard, Alex J. Groza, Wallace C. Jones, and Kenneth H. Rollins, University of Kentucky; Donald A. Barksdale, Oakland, Calif., Bittners; Vincent J. Boryla, Denver Nuggets; Ray G. Lumpp, New York University; Robert J. Robinson, Baylor.

A NEW YORKER WINS OLYMPIC WEIGHTLIFTING TITLE



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John Davis (center), former New York subway guard, takes his place on the winner's stand after establishing a new world's record of 391 pounds in the heavyweight division. Norbert Schemansky (left), also of the United States team, placed second and A. Charite of Holland third.

Associated Press Radiophoto

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8 Negros Win Olympic Berths As Two 'Sure Champs' Lose In Specialties

The Pontiac Commentator

Pontiac Mich.

Sat-7-17-48

Chicago - (ANP) - Eight Negroes are on the U. S. Olympic team chosen Friday and Saturday at Dyche stadium of Northwestern University but the two bronze stars touted for many months as "sure champions" failed to qualify in their specialties.

One of them is Harrison Dillard, hurdles wizard and world record holder of little Baldwin Wallace college in Ohio, and the other is Charles Fonville, Michigan's weight star who this spring tossed the shot further than any other man in history. Dillard will compete in the 100 meters and on Uncle Sam's 400 meter sprint team, but Fonville failed to make the boat to the 14th Olympiad opening in London, July 29.

The eight tan yanks - who will undoubtedly have better official treatment than at the last Olympics in Berlin, 1936, when Hitler's Nazis referred to them as "black auxiliaries" - are:

Barney Ewell, Lancaster, Pa., 100 and 200 meter sprints, 400 meter relay team; Harrison Dillard, 100 meters and 400 meter relays; Ed Conwell, Jersey City, 400 meters relay; Willie Steele, San Diego State, broad jump; Herb Douglass, Pittsburgh, broad jump; Lorenzo Wright, Wayne university, broad jump; Mal Whitfield, Ohio State, 400 and 800 meters; Dave Bolen, Colorado, 400 meters. 7-17-48

With Dillard and Fonville out of their specialties, most likely Olympic champion is Willie Steele, who led broad jumpers with a leap of 26 feet 2 inches. In fact, he had a new world record in his grasp with a phenomenal jump of 26 feet 10 inches to shade Jesse Owens' standard of 26 feet 8¼ inches, but had fouled by a quarter of an inch on the take off. Incident-close inspection revealed that he ally, Jesse Owens was himself one of the officials for this event.

The records show, oddly enough that no white athlete has touched the 26 foot mark in competition. First to reach this distance was Sylvio Cator of Haiti. Then came Owens and Eulace Peacock of Temple, a perpetual thorn in Jesse's side, and a Japanese athlete. Steele is the only other to reach the select 26 foot brotherhood.

Whitfield, Ohio State star, now in the army, was the only qualifier to win two events but, barring a miracle, he will be hard put to win one race at London. In the 400 he must face Jamaica's speed demon, Herb McKenley, who has set a world record of 45.9 for the distance. Whitfield made it in 46.6 Saturday his best time. Later, running a special exhibition, McKenley had a time of 46.2, Whitfield did 800 meters in an excellent 1:50.6 but will face competition of equal caliber at London.

Barney Ewell, "old man river" of the sprinters, has it in him to win both short dashes but it would mean perfect races. He will have to defeat Mel Patton of Southern California and Lloyd LaBeach of Jamaica, a fantastic assignment.

At Dyche stadium, Ewell tied the world 100 meter record of 10.2 set by Owens and equalled only by Hal Davis of California a few years ago, handing a defeat to Patton, considered 'the world's fastest human". Patton was second with Dillard, who had whipped Patton in the trial heat, third. Ewell, who has starred since 1937 when he won the National Junior A. A. U. sprint championship at Milwaukee, was second in the 200 taken by Patton in 20.7.

Conwell, fourth in the 100, will run only on the relay team. Douglass and Wright finished second and third behind Steele in the broad jump and Bolen was second in the 400.

Fonville, a consistent 56 shot putter and holder of the unofficial world record of slightly over 58 feet, could heave the 16 pound ball only 54 1 3/8 inches to finish fourth and just miss qualifying for the Olympics. He had been suffering a sprained back that was not completely healed.

As for Dillard, he was a victim for the unexpected that increases the excitement of sports. He qualified for the finals with a 14 flat for the 110 meter high hurdles, the same time rung by his chief rival and occasional nemesis, Bill Porter of Northwestern.

But in the finals he was unable to get up that fraction of an inch which means the difference between taking a hurdle cleanly and knocking it over. Result was he knocked over four of the first seven hurdles, breaking his stride completely, and forcing him to stop what he knew was a useless race. Porter went on to win in 13.9 with Ed Dugger, formerly of Tufts, finishing 4th and just failing to qualify for the trip.

However, Dillard did not seem disturbed by the surprise result which amazed 25,000 spectators. He had realized his ambition of qualifying as a sprinter. Further, he will have a chance to display his championship hurdling in other post Olympics meets in Europe this summer.

President Truman Receives National Classic Tickets

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President Truman, surrounded by National Classic officials and members of the 1948 U.S. Olympic team, accepts tickets to the Tennessee and Wilberforce game from Dr. W. Napoleon Rivers, Friday, at the White House. Others pictured, left to right, are: Happy Riley, Dr. Edwin B. Henderson, Dr. W. Napoleon Rivers, Mrs. Annie Sue Evans, Tennessee; Spurgeon Burke, Mrs. Cleve Abbott, Tuskegee; Alice Coachman, Albany State; Coach Chris Roulhac of Albany State; Nell Jackson, Tuskegee; Emma Reed, Tennessee; Theresa Manuel, Tuskegee; Audrey Patterson, Tennessee, and Mable Walker, Tuskegee.

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THEY'LL BE BRINGING HOME MEDALS FROM ENGLAND

New York Times New York N.Y.

Willie Steele of San Diego State; Roy Cochran, Los Angeles A. C., and Harrison Dillard of Baldwin-Wallace, looking over their Olympic medals at Uxbridge Camp, Middlesex. Steele won the broad jump at 25 feet 8 inches; Cochran set a record in the 400-meter hurdles, being timed in 51.1, while Dillard took the 100-meter dash in 10.3 to tie the mark for the games. Mon. 8-2-48

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High Type of Play Is a Feature Of 1948 Basketball Tournament

Times, ~~New York N.Y~~

U. S. Remains Top-Heavy Choice but Other Teams Promise Keen Rivalry—Contests Are Assured of Financial Success

Mon. 8-2-48

LONDON, Aug. 1 (AP)—The surprising thing about the basketball competition in the Olympic Games is the high type of the play.

The United States team, of course, remains the topheavy favorite to retain the championship it won at Berlin twelve years ago. The team defeated Switzerland, 86 to 21, in its first game and makes its second appearance tomorrow against Czechoslovakia.

The Czechs won the European championship in 1946 and were runners-up to Russia in 1947. The Soviets are not in the Olympics.

Basketball officially appeared at the Olympics for the first time in 1936, and the United States—where the game originated—walked off with the title by defeating neighboring Canada in a windy outdoor final.

This time the Americans will know they have been in a battle before they get through the knockout championship tournament which follows the present round-robin preliminaries.

The 1948 tournament is being played in a cracking good modern plant whose only flaw is a somewhat rickety floor. It has some dead spots and there are rough joints which are hazards for any player who is knocked off his feet.

In the championship flight the United States team probably will have to meet such slick ball handlers as Brazil, Mexico, and the Philippines. The Latin American lads are even better than the surprisingly good Europeans. They are slick in every department of the game, from sly roughing with a flipped hip to the dazzling deception of swift passing and fakes to open a lay-up under the bucket.

Sunny Weather Helps

Sunny weather and thrilling competition have assured the Olympic Games of financial success. Mon. 8-2-48

Officials, who gloomily forecast a deficit when pre-game ticket sales lagged, cheerily predicted today that the big show will now pay its way.

A sell-out crowd of 83,000 jammed Membley Stadium yesterday and another sell-out is forecast for tomorrow. Only a few thousand tickets remain unsold for the Stadium events during the rest of the week.

The swimming pool arena is crowded every day with around 7,000 people. Even the sideshows like wrestling, boxing and basketball, are beginning to attract sizable crowds after a slow start.

England's finest weather of the summer gave the ticket sales a big boost. All summer it was rainy and cold. Suddenly, a few days before the Olympics started, the sun came out. It has beamed brightly ever since.

More warm weather is forecast for tomorrow. But beyond that, the weather man is doubtful. There is danger of thunder showers later in the week, he warned. 8-2-48

Water Polo Replayed

WEMBLEY, England, Aug 1 (AP)—Italy tied Yugoslavia, 4 to 4, and Hungary defeated Egypt, 5 to 2 at water polo in the Olympic contests held today. Both games were replayed after protests against referees' decisions.

In the first encounters, the European champion Italian team defeated Yugoslavia, 4 to 2, and Hungary beat Egypt, 4 to 2.

Egypt tried to withdraw its protest after it had been officially allowed. However, that would have sent Egypt automatically into the second round on goal averages, with Great Britain eliminated.

So Egypt was ordered to go ahead and replay the game. The second result left England still eliminated, with Egypt advancing

Strand Reaches London

LONDON, Aug. 1 (UP)—World record holder Lennart Strand and his Swedish team-mates, Henry Eriksson and Gosta Bergkvist, who hope to sweep the first three places in the Olympic 1,500-meter run on Wednesday, arrived here today by air. 8-2-48

Immediately afterward the Swedes went through a workout on the grass lawns of Richmond Park. They said they were in "top" condition and were confident of scoring a sweep.

Alex Jany, suffering from a "broken heart," was unable to drag his sore body from bed today to attend a workout with the rest of the French swimming team.

Team-mates said that 19-year-old Jany, France's No. 1 merman who failed to place in his 100-meter specialty yesterday, was suffering from a broken heart. The French 100 back-stroker, Georges Vallerey, said, "Jany's morale is broken."

"He is suffering from very sore muscles in his arms and shoulders and hopes to sleep it off. He will probably compete in the remainder of his events but we doubt he has any heart left to make a showing."

Jany will compete in the 400-meter free-style tomorrow.

Wally Ris, of Ohio State, who shattered an Olympic record in winning the 100-meter in 57.3 seconds said earlier, "I believe Jany was rattled. It looks as if he has cracked for the rest of the meet. In my opinion he has been babied too much." 8-2-48

The American swimming coach, Bob Kiphuth, said, "of course Jany holds the world record for the 100-meter but he is only 19 and this kind of competition often has a disastrous effect on youngsters. Jany might have been suffering from some little thing we don't know about and I won't try to guess any further. He is still a great swimmer."

Qualifying Rounds Set

LONDON, Aug. 1 (Reuters)—Record entries in the olympic women's broad jump and shot put have made it necessary to hold qualifying rounds for these events. The competitors—30 for the jump and 20 for the shot—will make their bids to qualify for the finals on Wednesday morning.

List of Champions

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SWIMMING

MEN

100-Meter Free-Style—Wally Ris U. S. New York, N.Y.

Springboard Diving—Bruce Harlan, U. S. Mon. 8-2-48

TRACK AND FIELD

MEN

100-Meter Dash—Harrison Dillard, U. S.

400-Meter Hurdles—Roy Cochran, U. S.

10,000-Meter Run—Emil Zatopek, Czechoslovakia.

50,000-Meter Walk—J. A. Ljunggren, Sweden.

High Jump—John L. Winter, Australia. 8-2-48

Broad Jump—Willie Steele, U. S.

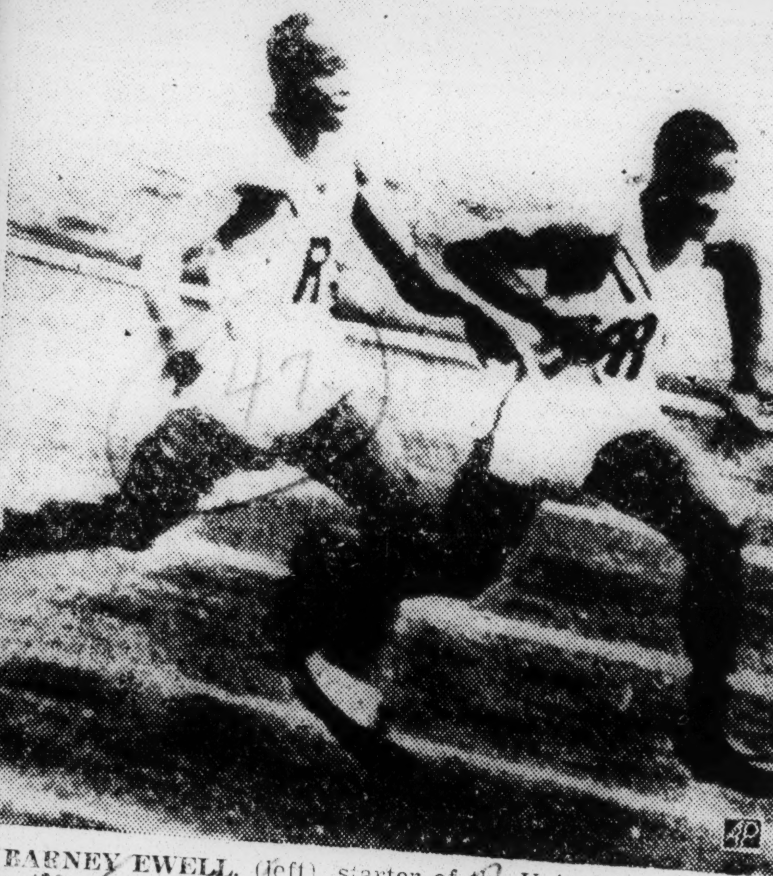
Hammer Throw—Imry Nemeth, Hungary.

WOMEN

Discus—M. O. M. Ostermeyer, France. 8-2-48

Javelin Throw [illegible], Austria.

CONTROVERSIAL BATON EXCHANGE



BARNEY EWELL, (left). starter of the United States Olympic 400-meter relay team, has completed passing of baton to Lorenzo Wright in this photo taken from official moving pictures of controversial incident in last Saturday's race. A judge disqualified the American team, which finished first, charging the Ewell-Wright exchange took place outside of passing zone. In the picture, runners have not yet reached the line marking end of passing zone. A jury of appeal reversed the original ruling and awarded the event to the United States. (AP Wirephoto via radio from London).

EWELL GETS HIS MEDAL

Afro American
Sat 8-21-48
Baltimore Md

Of all the news dispatches from the Olympic Games, the one that gave us the greatest thrill was that which told of the decision to award first place to the U. S. 400-meter relay team.

Not even the herculean performance of John Davis in setting two world's weight-lifting records, of Harrison Dillard's brilliant 100-meter victory or Alice Coachman's record-breaking high jump performance moved us as much.

We were moved because, in awarding the relay victory to the United States, the jury made it possible for 31-year-old Barney Ewell to realize one of his fondest dreams.

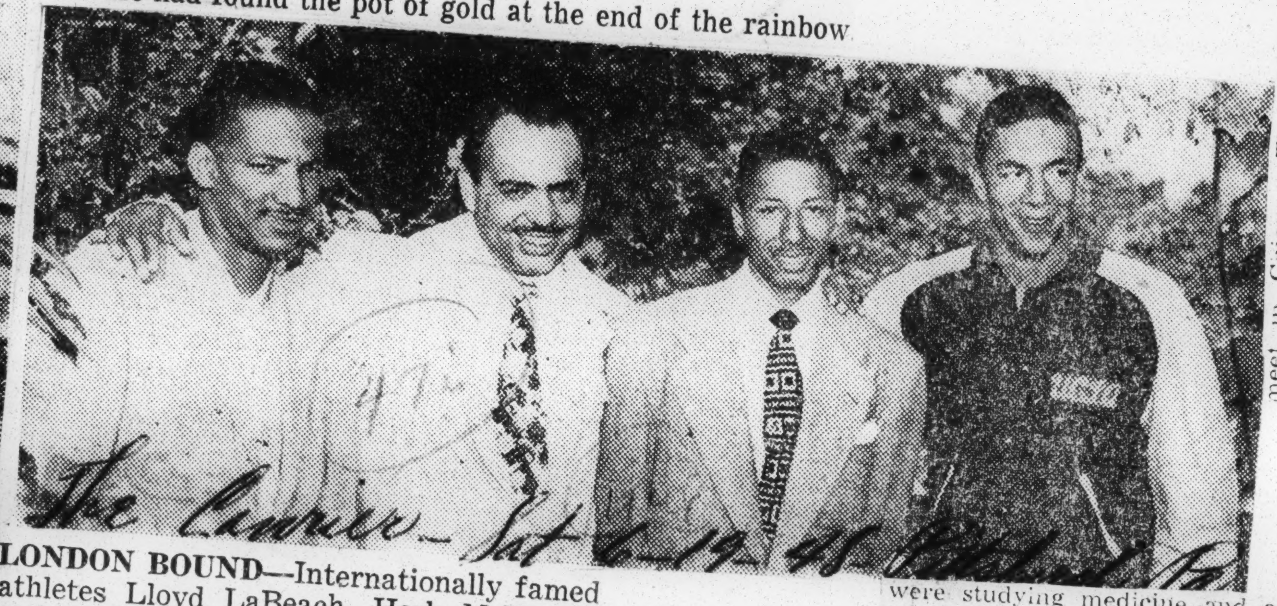
Unable to compete in 1940 and 1944 because the games were not held, Ewell, then at the peak of his form and with youth in his favor, had to be content with victories over his own countrymen. By grim determination and hard practice, he qualified for this year's Olympic team.

The gold medal about which he had dreamed was in sight. Then came the 100-meter dash. When the race was over, Ewell danced for joy, thinking that he had won, only to learn that he had been beaten by Harrison Dillard in a photo finish.

In the 200-meter dash, he lost to Mel Patton by so narrow a margin that both were clocked in exactly the same time. Then after running on the relay team which came in 10 yards ahead of the British team, he learned that the U.S team had been disqualified.

When the announcement came that this decision had been reversed, there was no happier man in the world than Barney Ewell. At long last, he had won his gold medal—greatest singular honor which may be conferred upon an athlete.

He had found the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow



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LONDON BOUND—Internationally famed athletes Lloyd LaBeach, Herb McKenley and Don Barksdale are pictured in the beautiful gardens of Dr. John Coleman's Arlington Avenue residence in Los Angeles. LaBeach and McKenley will represent Panama and Jamaica in the Olympic games. Barksdale is a member of the U. S. games basketball team. Dr. Coleman (second from left) has accepted a position as team physician for a competing nation. —McLain Photo.

Audrey Patterson And Emma Reed Thrilled

The Globe

Thinking of South American Classic, 1950

Fri 10-15-48

A and I's two Olympic contenders, Audrey Patterson and Emma Reed, both thrilled to their trip to Europe. "But gosh we were glad to get back to good American food" they both agreed.

"In England everything was rationed. They even charged me $2 for a pound of grapes." Audrey wailed.

Miss Paterson, a sophomore placed third in the Olympic 200 meter dash.

Nashville, Tenn

Although she just enrolled at A. and I. during the Spring quarter in 1948 willowly Audrey Patterson (she's 5:7 and weighs 110) is one of the most popular girls on the campus. Her classmates call her "Mickey." Vivacious and talkative, she occasionally lapses into a decided French accent, acquired from her native New Orleans.

Her knowledge of French also added to her pleasure when visiting Paris following the Oylmpic games. "I love France much better than England," she smiled. "England is so dead, so dull. But Paris is alive, it's colorful and one of the prettiest places in the world."

Both girls said they were surprised to note how little of Paris had been destroyed by bombs, while in England the effects of the blitz were quite apparent.

In Paris Miss Patterson set a new record for the 100 meter when she beat out Mable Walker, U. S. 100 yard champ. in 12.1. Also behind the A. and I. flash was the English sprinter who ran in the 100 meter finals in the London games. In Paris she also anchored the U. S. 440 relay team to victory. "I believe I was more thrilled over my performance in Paris than the one in London," she continued.

However "Mickey" didn't limit her activities to track alone in France. She became acquainted with some French West Indians who were studying medicine and again her Creole came in handy. "I liked them very much," she said, "these fellows were much more affectionate and courteous than our American men."

But she gets along fine with the men on this side, she hastened to add. "For my part the colored fellows on the olympic team were fine. They treated me swell. I can't say very much about my boyfriend at A. and I." she laughed. "I have more than one and there might be some misunderstanding. I do prefer athletes, although none of my present flames fall in that category," she volunteered.

Miss Patterson has been running for five years. She began in the tenth grade while at Gilbert Academy in New Orleans. "Jesse Owens was my inspiration."

Psysical education major declared. "In 1941 he visited our school and told of his olympic experiences. In his address he said that perhaps some boy or girl in the audience might be able to participate in the next olympics. From then on the olympic games were my goal."

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At this point "Mickey" was offered some chocolates. "No thanks," she replied. "I'll have to get used to eating candy again. I couldn't touch them while in training." She trains hard and loses from five to ten pounds during the period.

Audry is looking forward to the South American Olympics in 1950. And as for the next world Olympics, she won't say much except, "Just wait and see." This year was the second trip to the Olympics for the Dutch star, Blankers Koen. The 20 year old Louisianan hopes her second trip will be as meaningfcl.

She felt a little hurt about only making third in the London games, and said she felt as though she deserved second place. It was pouring down rain and until three yards from the tape she reports she was a strong second. "And I thought I had beat the British girl who was given second place," she added. Nine of America's women olympic track contenders were colored. Asked how they kept their hair dressed during their trip they explained that they fixed each other's hair. In Paris they bought aspecial hot plate for this pocedure.

Soft spoken Emma Reed, whose tack specialty is highjumping, was ovedshadowed in the Olympics by Albany's Alice Coachman.

A native of Memphis, she has made quite a name for herself in national track circles however. Last May she placed first in the running high jump in the national indoor meet in Chicago. Throughout her college career she has led the girl track team at Tennessee State. She holds the national AAU Junior highjump championship and was runner-up in the senior high jump last year.

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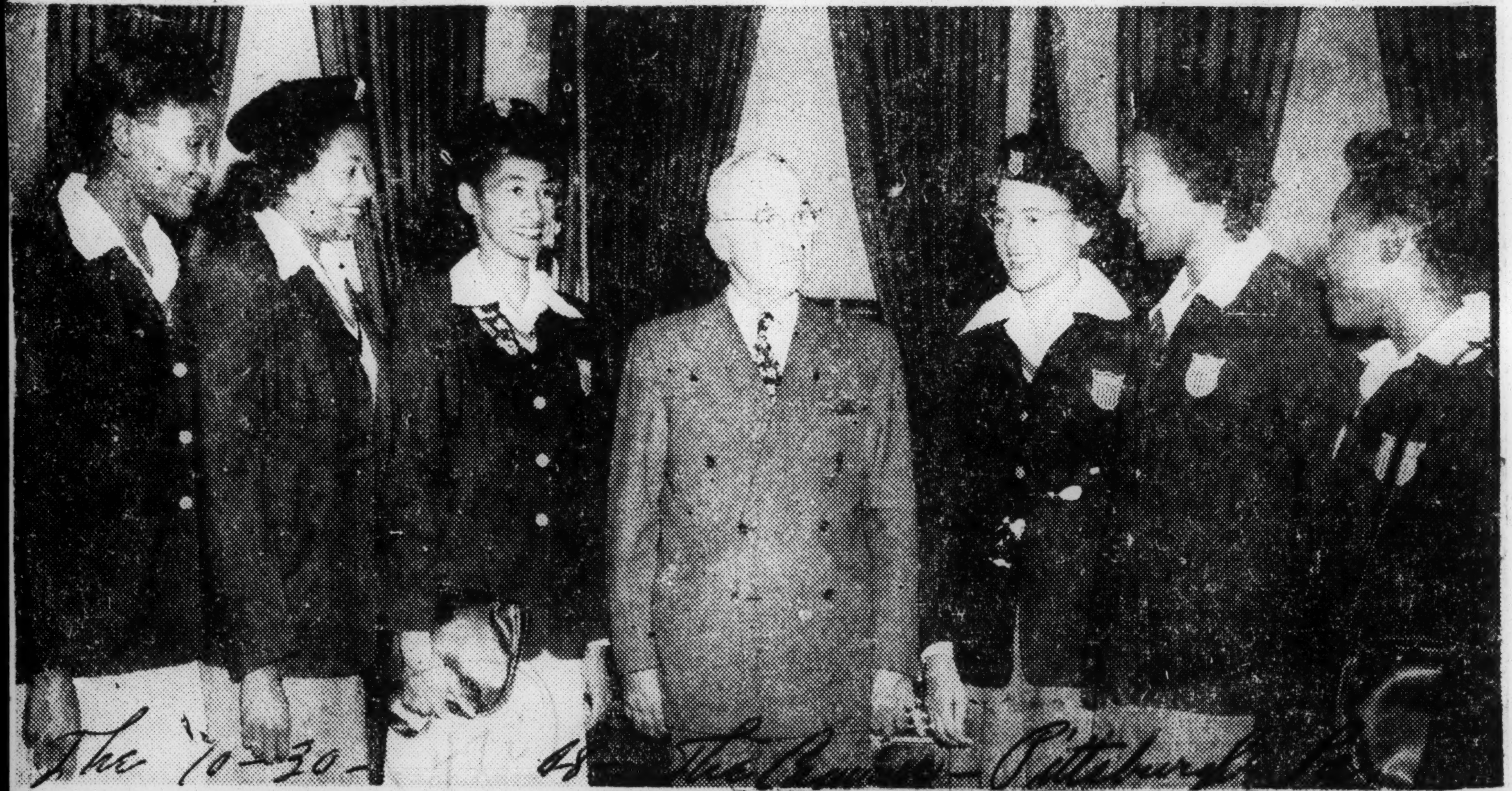
"I too have been running since high school days. But it is due to Mr. Thomas Harris, Tennessee State's track coach, that I made national competition. He's wonderful and has taught me almost everything I know about running."

A senior, she majors in health and physical education. "Following graduation I plan to teach for awhile and then get aa master's degree in physical education," she stated.

Sparkplug of the varsity basketball squad, Emma said she prefers basketball to track.

Retiring and conservative, she makes her own clothes, and works as a general assistant in the athletic office. She refused to speculate on her future track plans.



The 10-30-48 The Courier—Pittsburgh, Pa.

TRUMAN MEETS TRACKSTERS—A group of Olympic stars, in Washington for the national football classic between Tennessee State and Wilberforce Colleges, called on President Truman in the White House last week. Left to right: Emma Read, third-place winner, 200-meter; Teresa Manuel, national 80-meter hurdles champ; Audrey Patterson, third-place, 200-meter; President Truman, Nell Jackson, member, 400-meter relay team; Alice Coachman, Olympic high jump champion, and Mabel Walker, member, 400-meter relay team. —INP.

Dillard Wins At Hurdles in Europe

Black Dispatch Oklahoma City Sep 4th

PARIS — (ANP) — Back in the swing of his specialty, hurdle races, Harrison Dillard won the 110 meter high hurdles in two international meets in Europe last week.

He set a new French record in the hurdles here in Paris, and in Brussels, Belgium, he won easily against a mediocre field.

Other winners in international meets included Herb Douglas, Barney Ewell, Lorenzo Wright and Audrey Patterson.

Douglas won the broad jump in Belgium with a lead of 23 feet, 8½ inches. Ewell won the 100 meter dashes at Belgium and at Paris. In Belgium his time was a slow :10.8. In France he tied the French record of :10.5.

Wright won the Paris broad jump yith a jump of 24 feet, 3 inches. He also was third in the French 100 meter dash and a member of the American 400 meter relay team which won the French race in the record time of :41.

Audrey Patterson was the only American victor in the woman's division.

Dillard's chief rival, Bill Porter, did not participate in either the Belgian or the French meet. In the latter meet Dillard's :13.9 bettered the French record and tied the Olympic mark set by Porter.

Countries competing in the French meet were the United States. France. Austria and Italy.

Barksdale Helps U. S. Win Olympic Cage Championship

The Defender Chicago Ill. Sat 8-21-48

LONDON — Don Barksdale former University of Los Angeles basketball and football star who has been playing with the Oakland Bittners amateur cage team, was a member of the United States championship basketball squad which defeated France, 65-21 for the Olympic title.

Barksdale joined several players from the Tulsa Oilers and two from the University of Kentucky who made up the United States team. He made three field goals and two free throws for a total of eight points in the championship game. Two fouls were chalked up against him.

Mal Whitfield, Guinn Smith Win Olympic 800, Pole Vault

Wash Post 8-3-48 Wash, D.C.

By Gayle Talbot

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Olympic Stadium, Wembley, England, Aug. 2 (AP).—A record-breaking victory by Mal Whitfield in the 800-meter run and a magnificent flight by Guinn Smith in the pole vault gave America's track and and field stars two more Olympic titles before another capacity crowd of 84,000 today.

Whitfield, an Army Air Force sergeant stationed at Lockbourne Field, Columbus, Ohio, established a new Olympic mark of 1:49.2 for two laps of the wet, heavy track in beating the greatest field ever to run in the event in the games.

Two of the human deer he defeated either beat or equalled the former Olympic record of 1:49.8 set by Britain's Tom Hampson in 1932 and all six finalists ran the 800 faster than Johnny Woodruff's winning time of 1:52.9 in the 1936 games in Berlin.

Arthur Wint, a tall Jamaican, finished second about three yards back after putting on a thrilling sprint in the stretch.

Times 8-3-48

Smith, forced to make his approach along a soggy, slippery runway, soared to 14 feet, 1¼ inches to win the pole vault. He fell short of Earle Meadows' Olympic mark of 14 feet, 3½ inches, but it was a great effort under the conditions. A light but steady rain fell through the last four hours of the competition.

Sports of the Times

The Times
New York, N.Y.

By ARTHUR DALEY

Sparks Off the Cinders

EVANSTON, Ill., July 10—The spiked shoe brigade dug into the Dyche Stadium cinders this broiling afternoon and the luckier members leaped all the way to London, the most prodigious broad jump in history. This broke the old Olympic record which was held by Finn MacCool, the broth of a boy who used to leap across the Irish Sea without even ruffling his hair.

As is always the case, the final Olympic tryouts produced their full quota of surprises, shocks upsets and records. Some of the better advertised headliners failed to catch the boat as utter strangers rudely jostled them off the gangplank. But that's the way it always has been, and the 1948 American team is a truly representative one with the strength and the balance to hurl back the challenges of the rest of the world.

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A typical example of the way unknowns rocket from obscurity to the blinding glare of the spotlight is George Stanich of U. C. L. A. He attained some local fame on the Coast by pitching an 18-inning shut-out and New Yorkers got a brief glimpse of him with the Uclan basketball team in the Garden last winter. As a high jumper, though, no one ever gave him a thought. Stanich himself least of all. The youngster virtually won a place in the tryouts on a pass, his 6 feet $4\frac{5}{8}$ inches being the twelfth and last qualifying place.

Form Unfilled

The Times

Being precise and far-seeing men, the Olympic committee distributed application blanks for passports to every qualifier. Stanich accepted his with an amused grin and laughingly tore up the application. "Shucks," he said, "I'm the last guy in the world to make the Olympic team. I'll never need this. So why bother?" But the amazing Stanich jumped two feet higher than ever before in his life to tie the 18-year-old Verne McGrew of Rice, a stranger himself, at an actual height of 6 feet $8\frac{1}{4}$. Now the incredulous Californian has to go out and hustle for a passport. Such is life—and the Olympic tryouts. 7-11-48

Family note: A month ago Bobby Likins of San Jose State decided to quit the sport and rack up his javelin for good. He had a wife and two children to support. So he went about supporting them. But in stepped his father-in-law, a most understanding man. "Nothing doing, my boy," he boomed. "I'll support your family while you win yourself a place on the Olympic team. That's an order." The obedient Likins capitulated. "Yes, sir," he said, and clinched the Olympic berth.

The Times N.Y.

Retort Discourteous

Considerable resentment was expressed in track circles today at the comment passed last night by Dean Cromwell of Southern California, the head coach of the track team, after the ancient Barney Ewell had equaled the world 100-meter record while turning back the Trojan flash, Mel Patton. Instead of giving Ewell a verbal pat on the back, the gray dean took a different approach. "Patton ran like a plow horse," he said. That was a left-handed knock at ol' Barney and a nasty thing to say about a sprinter who already has shattered the 100-yard record with a dazzling 9.3 performance. It was most injudicious, to say the least. Times 7-11-48

There probably was not a bigger stunner all day than the setback to Harrison Dillard of Baldwin-Wallace in the high hurdles. But it just goes to prove that an Olympic team cannot be picked by ukase but must be picked on actual performance. The invincible Negro ace kept compounding an initial felony, his nicking of the second hurdle. Thrown off stride, he hit the fourth, sixth and seventh before quitting. The United States will still win the timber-topping event at London but the victor will be Bill Porter of Northwestern and not Harrison Dillard.

Outside of Dillard, the only other sure-shot (no pun intended) Olympic champion we had was Charlie Fonville, the 58-foot shot-putter from Michigan. But there's many a slip 'twixt cup and lip, as the Wolverine discovered to his intense sorrow. Jim Delaney, ye old Notre Damer; Wilbur (Moose) Thompson, a Southern Cal graduate, and Jim Fuchs, an Old Blue from Yale, all came through with the best heaves of their lives to nudge Fonville off the gangplank and into the water. It was a splash which shocked the entire Midwest. Times 7-11-48

Too Much Restraint

One of the broad jump judges was a slim, trim lad with a perpetual grin on his face. He was introduced as "one of our greatest Olympic champions." But that's all wrong. He was the greatest. Period. His name? Jesse Owens.

The incomparable Owens still is a sportsman to the core. He held the tape which revealed that Willie Steele had broken his own world record with a leap of 26 feet 10 inches. However, Steele fouled by a picayune quarter inch to preserve the Owens mark of 26 feet $8\frac{1}{4}$ inches for posterity. Yet Jesse still called it as he saw it. Steele, by the way, is the fifth 26-footer in history. Preceding him have been Owens and Eulace Peacock of the United States, Silvio Cator of Haiti and Chuhei Nambu of Japan. The Times

More than one once-glorious track career came to an end in this meet after being overextended for an Olympic shot. Among them were Leslie MacMitchell and Joe McCluskey. They just don't have it any more. New York, N.Y.

Investigation Completed

When B. McMillen's winning steeplechase time first was announced as being 8:48.1 there were instant demands for a saliva test since his clocking merely was eleven seconds faster than the best ever run, and the Glendale youngster just isn't that good. So the shame-faced timers took another gander at their turnips and admitted it was closer to 9:18.7. Maybe they were just guessing, because the steeplechase does strange things to officials. In the 1932 Olympics, for instance, they couldn't even count the laps correctly and forced all contestants to run an extra lap. Times 7-11-48

The Trojan horse, the plow horse, that is, scored a smashing victory in the 200-meter dash as Patton turned the tables on Ewell in a clinking 20-7 performance to equal the record around a turn. The silken-striding Pell-Mel didn't look like a plow horse on that one. He looked more like Citation. The Times

It was a great track meet all the way, and this will be a great Olympic team which will sail on Wednesday. The warning signal already has been given and obeyed: "All ashore who are going ashore!" New York, N.Y.

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58 Negro Athletes Sail For Olympics

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U. S. WOMEN TRACK TEAM SAILS FOR OLYMPICS — New York—Members of the U. S. Women's Olympic track team as they sailed for London July 14 on the liner SS America, to compete in Olympic games—(Keystone photo)

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Cleveland [illegible] Guide

Matches Record Of Eddie Tolan Set In 1932 With 10.3 Time

LONDON, England, Aug. 6 — (Special)—Not since that day in Berlin, Germany, in 1936, when Jesse Owens, then, a Baldwin-Wallace track star, came hurling the 100 meter dash stretch, have Clevelanders and citizens of the United States alike been more jubilent than when a news flash came came by Tran-Atlantic Telephone Service that Harrison Dillard, another Cleveland Negro and Baldwin-Wallace star had regained the same track honors last Friday in 10.3 seconds—record time.

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Patton, the latest California claiment to the title of the world's fastest human, was the big disappointment. The skinny University of Southern California sprinter, never a fast statrer, virtually was left behind today.

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Mad Mel finished fifth behind Lloyd LaBeach of Panama in third place and Alan McCorquodale of Great Britaio in fourth. McDonald Bailey, a Jamaican running for Britain, was sixth and last.

The only real contest was between Dillard and Ewell as the others stedily lost ground to the pair all the way.

Dillard's victory was the big event of an action-packed day which saw the United States track competitors take two other firsts. Roy Cochran, the quiet instructor from the University of Southern California, raced to an easy victory in the 400-meter hurdles. He finished four yards in front of his closest rival in the new Olympic record time of 51.1 seconds.

Willie Steele, San Diego State College star, capped the American comeback by winning the broad jump with a mighty leap of 25 feet, eight inches. Two of his teammates, Herb Douglas of Pittsburgh and Lorenzo Wright of Wayne, took third and fourth, respectively, behind Tom Bruce, an Australian.

Only the hammer throw, the 50-kilometer hike and the women's javelin throw escaped the hungry maw of the American's as six track and field championships were decided.

Mrs. Dorothy Dodson of Mundelein, Ill., grabbed fourth in the javelin behind some long-thrwing European girls. The 50-kilometer walk was a total loss for the United States.

Scoring the day's most sensational triumph, Dillard, already recognized as the world's finest hurdler, beat Barney Ewell, the Lancaster (Pa).) veteran, by a whisker to match the Olympic mark of 10.3 seconds setby Eddie Tolan at Los Angeles in 1932.

In emulating the 1936 100-meter victorw by Jesse Owens, also a Cleveland East Tech High School graduate, the Baldwin-Wallace College speedster jumped from his blocks like a jack rabbit at the gun and never was caught. The balding Ewell closed with a tremendous rush and it took a photo to show Dillard was the winner.

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The upset triumph of the 24-year-old Clevelander, rated third among the 100-meter aspirants on the United States squad, rewarded his grim determination to fulfill a promise to hometown followers.

THE OLYMPIC GAMES

Daily Voice

The advent of the Olympic Games in London reminds us that this great sporting event was revived in modern times on a keynote of high idealism.

Baron Pierre de Coubertin, who was the father of the modern Olympics, looked upon these games as a sort of a United Nations in the field of sports. It was his expressed hope that through wholesome competition there might grow up a better understanding between nations—an understanding that would eventually eliminate war.

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San Francisco Calif.

Unfortunately the Olympic Games have not achieved that end. In 1916 the games were cancelled because of the war. In 1936 they were held in Berlin with war clouds gathering. In 1940 and 1944 the world conflict again ruled them out. Now, in London they are resumed at a time of international turmoil.

Even the games themselves frequently do not express the spirit of friendly competition and good fellowship. Competition is not only intense but often bitter.

But because the Olympic Games are not accomplishing the purpose for which they were revived, this does not mean that they should be abandoned. As long as people from the nations continue to associate with one another whether in sports, economics, or politics, there is always the possibility that they will improve their relationships.

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And the time may yet come when the words of Baron de Coubertin will be fulfilled. Said he, "May joy and good fellowship reign, and in this manner may the Olympic Torch pursue its way through the ages, increasing friendly understanding among nations for the good of a humanity always more enthusiastic, more courageous and more pure."

Truman Receives Olympic Athletes.

Journal Guide

Sat 10-30-48

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(NNPA) — President Truman was visited last Friday by a group of Olympic athletes. He received them in his office at the White House and autographed two footballs which were used in the "National Champions" football game at Griffith Stadium Saturday night between Tennessee State and Wilberforce State.

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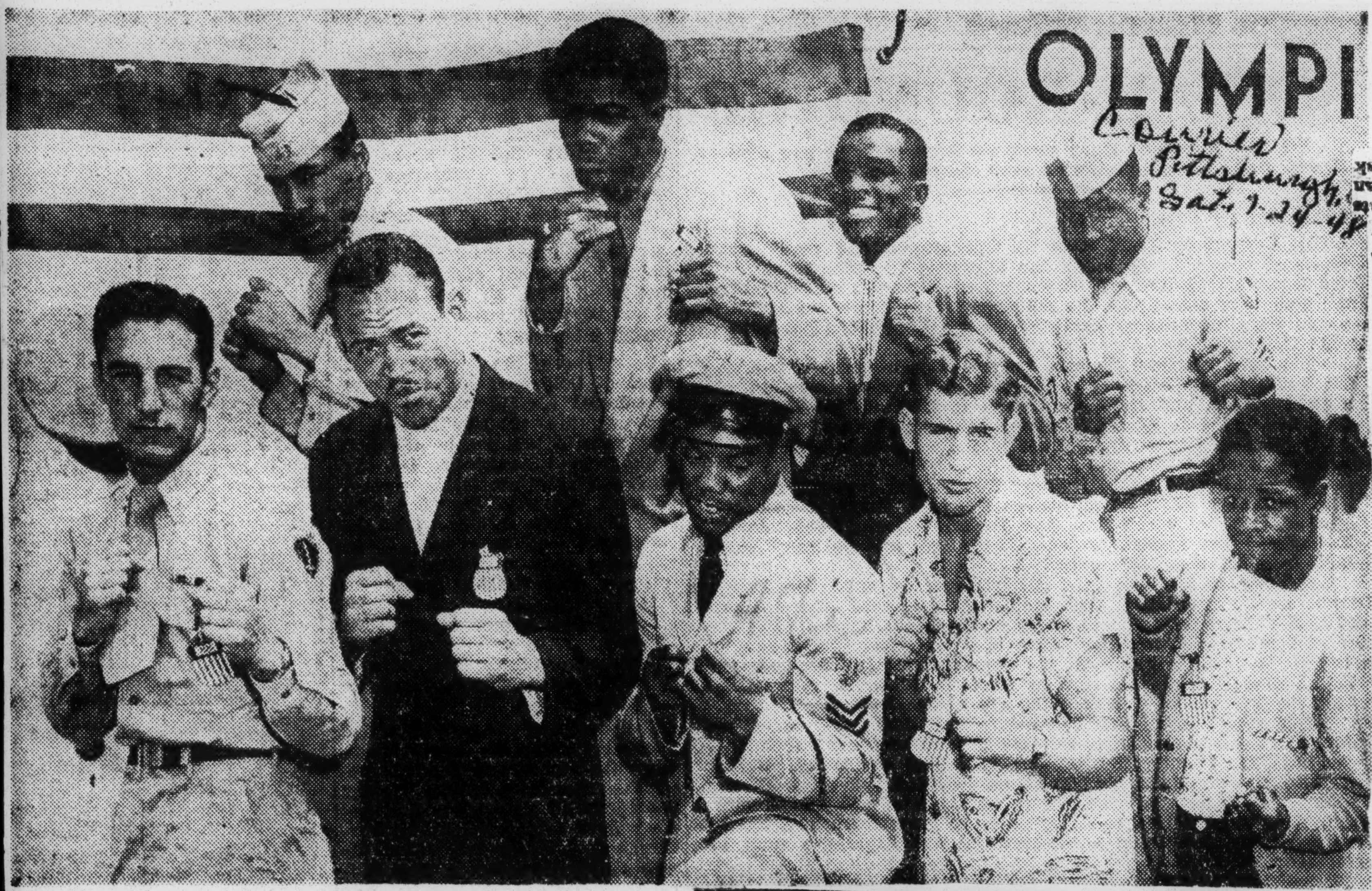
Mr. Truman congratulateu the athletes on their achievements in the recent Olympic games in London. The visitors were Harrison Dillard, 100-meter champion, Alice Coachman, Mabel Walker, Emma Reed, Audrey Patterson, Nell Jackson and Theresa Manuel. The athletes gave a demonstration at the football game.



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HEADED FOR THEIR BIGGEST FIGHT—Members of the U. S. Olympic boxing team that sailed for London last Wednesday aboard the S. S. America pose beside the plane that brought them to New York. The members of the team are, left to right, front row, Pfc. Ross Virgo, Norval L. Lee, Horace Herring, Grant Butcher, James Mitchell. Back row: Pfc. Edward Johnson, Frank Daniels, Wallace Smith and Washington Jones.

Negro Olympic Contenders And Their Events

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Track and Field: Barney Ewell and Harrison Dillard, 100 meters; Barney Ewell, 200 meters; Malvin Whitfield and David Bolen, 400 meters; Whitfield, 800 meters; Ed Conwell, Ewell, Dillard, Lorenso Wright, 400 meters relay; Whitfield, Bolen, 1600 meters relay. Willie Steele, Herb Douglass and Wright, broad jump. John Davis, New York, heavyweight weight lifting. Don Barksdale, basketball. Women: Mabel Walker, Audrey Patterson, Lillian Young, 100 meters. Patterson, Nell Jackson, Mae Faggs, 200 meters. Patterson, Jackson, Faggs, Theresa Manuel, Alice Coachman, Walker, Young, 400 meter relay. Bernice Robinson, Manuel, 80 meter hurdles. Coachman, Robinson, Emma Reed, high jump. Redd, Young, broad jump. Manuel, Javelin. Seymour Van Blake of Princeton University, track. Boxers: James Mitchell, bantamweight; Wallace Smith, lightweight; Edward Johnson, featherweight; Horace Herring, welterweight; Washington, Jones, middleweight; Frank Daniels, runner-up, and Norval L. Lee, runner-up. Sat. 7-24-48

Wendell Smith's Sports Beat

Courier, Pittsburgh, Pa.

EN ROUTE TO LONDON—We're four days out on the Atlantic, sailing on the floating palace they call the SS America, bound for London, England, with the star-spangled team which is to represent the United States in the famous and ancient Olympic Games. To those who are not internationally sportsminded, this may seem like a futile and extravagant folly perpetrated and encouraged by frivolous people who have a hankering for riding on big boats and sailing the high seas.

But actually this is more than a mere boatride and a joyous cruise. And the Olympics are more than just a big track meet with a group of nimble-footed guys running and jumping for gold-plated medals. This great carnival of sports is promoted in the interest of world peace and good-will. Its actual contribution toward world peace is intangible, but the spirit is there, and when you see these finely trained athletes in their colorful uniforms you have to conclude that maybe the youth of the world could solve the problems which we adults have fumbled with monotonous regularity, lo these many centuries. One of the greatest advantages of the Olympics is that there is an opportunity to refute and belie propaganda directed against the best interests of minorities throughout the world.

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1936 Olympics Recalled

The best example of that is the last Olympics, held in Hitlers racial conscious Naziland in 1936. At that time Hitler was preparing to throw the world into its greatest war and he boasted that he was leader of a superior race. During his violent rantings, Hitler castigated Negroes and Jews and flirted with his own people's ego by telling them they could beat the members of those nationalities simply by displaying German birth certificates. That was in 1936, and at a time when Hitler was enjoying his greatest years, he had put Germany back on respectable feet and restored confidence in a Nation which had been down for the count ever since the first world war.

So they believed him implicitly and smirked when the American Olympic team arrived with a contingent of lithe, swift durable athletes whose pigmentation ranged from light brown to coal black, but when the Olympics got under-way, the German people suddenly realized that Hitler had dropped a Mickey Finn in their beer and that his racial theories were full of corn, for Americas' "Black Olympic Team" was raising more than a little whoopee and winning events as fast as the official starters shot their guns...The 1936 American Olympic team consisting of 384 athletes maintained Americas' unbroken string of Olympic victories and its Negro stars blazed a glorious trail.

Courier Pittsburgh, Pa

Proved Hitler's Theory a 'Phony'

They were, in fact, the first to refute Hitler's victorous theories and prove to the world that he was a phony guy. Jesse Owens, the streamlined bullet from Ohio State, gave Adolph the most headaches as his whippet-like legs carried his brown torso down the striped cenderpath ahead of the rest of the pack in four events. Jesse won the 100 meters, 200 meters and running broad jumps. When he managed to get his breath, Jesse led the 400 meters relay team to victory.

Besides Jesse Owens, other Negro victors were Archie Williams, 400 meters; Johnny Woodruff, 800 meters; Cornelious Johnson, high jump, and Ralph Metcalfe, who ran the second leg for the victorious 400 meters relay team.

American Negroes did more than any other group when it came to embarrassing the now defunct Chancellor of Germany. They accounted for six of the twelve victories scored by the United States, not taking into account their performance in the 400 meters relay team.

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Jesse Owens Showed 'Em How!

Owens, of course, was the most sensational, he breezed to an Olympic and world record, when he did the 100 meters in 0:10.3, he set a new Olympic record in the 200 meters by running the distance in 0:20.7. In the broad jump Jesse set another Olympic record by leaping 26 feet 5½ inches, in the 400 meters, Jesse ran the first leg for the United States quartette, that won the Olympmic and world's record time of 0:39.8.

On nine of his twelve appearances, Owens bettered or equalled existing Olympics records and on five, he either bettered or equalled the existing world's record. Unfortunately his three record-breaking runs in the 100 meters (preliminary heat, second round heat and final heat) were disallowed because of wind velocities exceeding two meters (six feet 6¾ inches) per second, but nevertheless, Jesse Owens and his sepia mates proved to Hitler, Germany and the world at large, that its not smart to play any race of people cheap. The American Negroes on that team could not have picked a better time either, because until then Hitler was really scoring with his anti-race theories.

There are twenty-six Negro performers on this Olympic trip. It is expecting too much to imagine that they will surpass the feats of their brethern, who performed so gallantly in 1936, but you can bet that they'll do a creditable job. Frankly, that's all you can ask of them.

'Coaches, Athletes At Fault'--Johnson

(Courier)

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EDITOR'S NOTE: R. Earl Johnson, track, baseball and boxing expert of The Pittsburgh Courier's far-flung sports organization, is probably the best-qualified man in the country on Olympic competition.

The only Negro athlete who has ever made the U. S. Olympic team in any distance over a mile, Mr. Johnson represented his country in the 1920 Olympics at Antwerp, Belgium, and in 1924 at Paris. In 1922 he was a triple-AAU distance champion, winning the five-mile, the ten-mile and the cross-country races and finishing second in the national two-mile race. In 1924 he finished third to Paavo Nurmi and Willie Ritola in the Olympic 10,000 meter cross-country.

A graduate of Morgan College, Baltimore, Md., he competed in all races from one to twenty-three miles. Out of a total of 252 races, he failed to finish in but two races, winning more than 245. He ran from 1914 to 1926 . . . a span of twelve years.

By R. EARL JOHNSON

(Former U. S. Olympic Star)

AS TOLD TO BILL NUNN Jr.

Coaches and athletes who become victims of a thrill-demanding America and their own "thirst for applause" must pay the price!

This is why Chuck Fonville, Michigan University shot-putter and discus thrower, and Gil Dodds, the famous "Flying Parson," are not with the 1948 U. S. Olympic team as it moves into action in London for the fourteenth Olympiads. Courier

That is why Harrison Dillard, Baldwin Wallace's famous hurdler, will not be competing in his farite events . . . but will have his hands full in an event where the competition is of the keenest.

R. E. Johnson

Fonville, Dodds and Dillard!

Three of the greatest names in the history of American track competition. They have furnished record-breaking performances in meets all over the country. They knew they had to be at their best to win places on the Olympic team.

Their record-breaking performances took their toll. Dodds and Fonville pulled muscles. Dillard came down to the finals a tired and poorly-conditioned young man.

Neither the AAU nor the Olympic Committee, whose duty it is to select the Olympic team, can be blamed for the failures of these men. The coaches, the men themselves and the promoters of track meets all over the country are at fault. Pittsburgh, Pa

No athlete can travel at top speed week after week, attempt to break world records in every meet . . . and then face the "big one" in top form. Sat. 7-24-48

It is my hope that some time in the future, when America must meet the athletes of other nations when the competition is keener, we will husband our athletic resources. Then Olympic officials will select their teams months before the games, put them in strict training under expert coaches and have them come to the final Olympic tests in superb condition.

But back to Fonville, Dobbs, Dillard! What happened to these stars?

Dobbs, with a strained ligament, couldn't compete. America might need his points in the 1500 meter and the 5,000 meters . . . distances he could negotiate faster than any other American. But too much running proved his downfall.

FONVILLE REACHED THE END OF HIS STRING

Fonville has tossed the 16-pound shot further than any other athlete in track competition. He holds many records. Among them: his tremendous toss of 58 feet ¼ inch at the Kansas Relays. At the Penn Relays he leveled for 56 feet to break the meet record of Al Blozis eight years ago.

Eleven times this season he tossed the shot over 56 feet. But he burned himself out . . . and when the great day came . . . he just didn't have it.

DILLARD BECAME TOO AMBITIOUS

And now to Dillard . . . world's fastest human in the hurdles . . . and the most consistent. He had a string of eighty-two . . . count 'em . . . eighty-two CONSECUTIVE wins. Last year he toured the Scandinavian countries on a tour which saw him participate in the 120-high and 220-low hurdles, the 100-meter sprints and anchor man on the relay team. During the indoor season he was the featured attraction at every meet.

Then he comes to the Olympic finals to win two berths . . . an attempt which ended in dismal failure.

Here is what he had to do to win the berths he was gunning for: run in the preliminaries and finals of the National AAU Championships in Milwaukee on July 3. On this date he ran four races, two in the sprints and two in the 120-yard hurdles against the greatest runners in the world. He lost to Barney Ewell in the 100 meters and to Bill Porter. All four of these races were run inside of seventy minutes.

These races qualified him to compete in the final Olympic tryouts held in Evanston, Ill., one week later, July 9 and 10.

Again he tempted fate by racing in the preliminaries and finals on the ninth.

In the finals he was third behind the fast-flying Ewell who set a new world record of 0:10.2 for the event and Mel Patton of Southern California.

Saturday, Dillard went after his second berth on the Olympic team in his favorite event, the 110-meter high hurdles.

The preliminary heat found Dillard winning as he pleased. The final heat saw him lined up against a field that he trimmed consistently for the last two years.

In the heat were Porter, Craig Dixon, Scott, Ed Dugger, Ed Taylor and Dillard.

Dillard, a tired, weary and disillusioned young man failed to finish. He hit the second, fourth, sixth and seventh hurdles and walked off of the field at the eighth hurdle.

Dillard who holds the world record for the event in 0:13.6 had failed to make the Olympic team as a hurdler.

Sailed July 12 For London; Compete 3 Days

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Cromwell was first accused of bias when it was discovered that he was the signer of a racial restrictive covenant. More recently, various sports writers have charged that Cromwell is unfit to coach the American Olympic track and field team because of racial bias, and took exceptions to a remark made by Cromwell at Evanston, Illinois, when Ewell beat Patton in the 100-meter event.

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Tolan Then Owens Set High Standards

Journal-Guide

Race Sprinters Led In Last Two Olympics

Norfolk, Va. Sat. 7-24-48

By RUSS J. COWANS

ABOARD S. S. AMERICA—Negro sprinters have dominated the last two Olympics.

Eddie Tolan, chunky little "Midnight Express" from the University of Michigan, captured both the 100 and 200-meter dashes at the tenth Olympiad, held in Los Angeles in 1932.

In blazing his way to victory, the bespectacled Tolan set a new Olympic mark in both the 100 and 200-meter runs, running the 100 in 10.3 and the 200 in 21.2.

DUPLICATES FEAT

Jesse Owens, former Ohio State ace, duplicated Tolan's feat at the eleventh Olympiad held in Berlin in 1936. Owens also equalled Tolan's mark of :10.3 in the 100-meter dash, but the mark was not allowed because of a favorable wind behind the runners.

But the smooth-running Owens was not denied a mark in the 200-meter dash four days later, the Ohioan turning the distance in 20.7 to eclipse Tolan's mark of 21.2.

Will this string of victories by Negro sprinters in the short dashes be broken at the coming games in London?

Well, the answer to that question can be found in the legs of Norwood (Barney) Ewell, 31-year-old former Penn State star, and Harrison Dillard, Baldwin-Wallace crack hurdler who was shutout of his specialty after winning a berth as a sprinter.

Ewell demonstrated to the more than 25,000 fans who saw the final tryouts in Evanston, Ill., two weeks ago, that he still has plenty of speed in his aged legs by rocketing to a 10.2 win over Mel Patton, Southern California's world record holder, in the 100-meter race.

The balding Ewell, who was winning top honors in the sprints when Patton was in high school, was out of the holes like a streak of lightning, and had enough to stave off the hustling Patton at the finish.

TAGGED FASTEST HUMAN

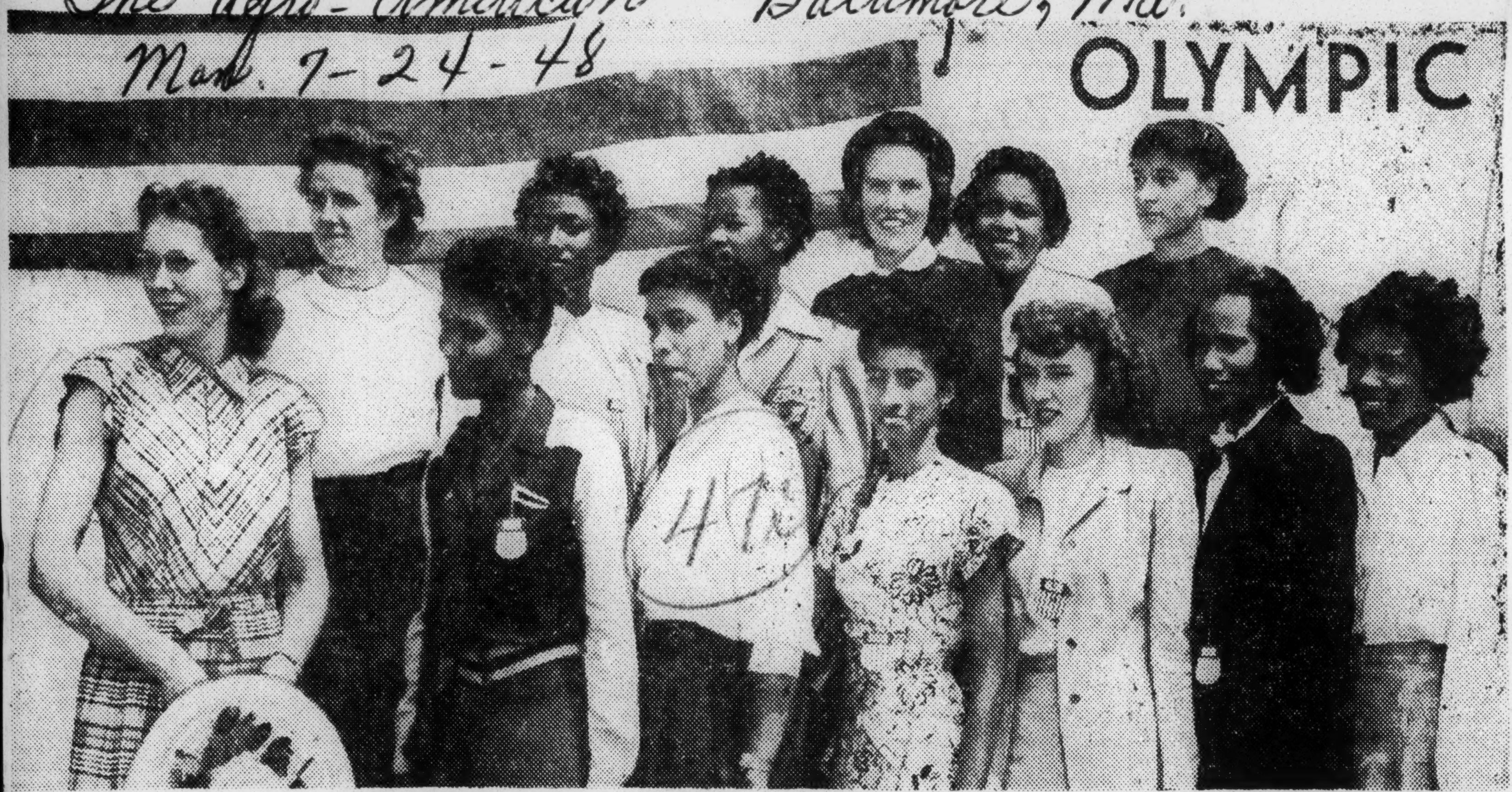
The Southern California dashman came back strong to win the 200-meter run, demonstrating some of the speed which had caused West Coast enthusiasts to herald him as "The Fastest Human." Ewell was a close second.

Patton believes practice on the starts will give him a better chance against the ex-Penn State star.

Women's Olympic Track and Field Team Sails for London

The Afro-American Baltimore, Md.

Mar. 7-24-48



Pictured on the deck of the S. S. America before it took off for London, last Wednesday, are all the members of the women's Olympic track and field team which will compete for the United States at London, beginning July 29, in Empire Stadium, Wembley. Front row (left to right) Frances Kaszubski, Emma Reed, Bernice Robinson, Audrey Patterson, Jean Walraven, Alice Coachman and Theresa Manuel. Back row (left to right) Dorothy Dodson, Mabel Walker, Mae Faggs, 16 the youngest of the U.S. competitors; Coach Catherine D. Meyer; Lillian Young and Nell Jackson.— Chick Solomon photo

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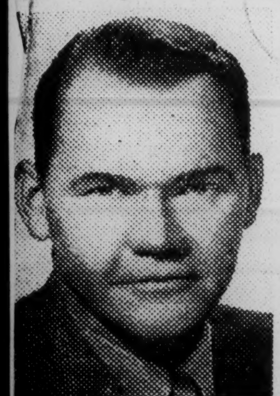
U. S. Olympians Find British Lack Spirit

Examiner Los Angeles Calif.

By Vincent X. Flaherty

Special Cable Dispatch to Los Angeles Examiner

LONDON, July 21.—America's Olympic team arrived at Southampton in the gray British dawn today, paced the deck of the liner America for hours thereafter and finally was allowed to land after the athletes had been officially recognized as members of the team. Thurs.



It was a proposition of immigration officials and landing cards to show that one had officially landed, and of customs officials and endless other red tape which made a person feel almost like an undesirable. 7-22-48

Personally, I was almost willing to stay aboard the America. British newspapermen who came aboard wearing very official armbands, almost frightened me out of setting foot on British soil.

Aparently the war is still on in England. Rationing is just as tough as ever—if not more so.

VINCENT X. FLAHERTY

I talked with John McAdam British sports writer whom I knew over here when the war was going on. He wanted to know how it felt to be a well-fed American.

You see, they get one egg a week over here. Gasoline rationing is rigid. A package of good cigarettes costs 85 cents—if you can get one. A bottle of Scotch whiskey of inferior brand costs $25.

The British get four ration points a month for wearing apparel, which is practically no ration points at all because things like shirts and socks come high in rationing.

The U. S. Olympic team left Southampton for Uxbridge by bus. The rest of the party took the boat-train to London, a typical, dinky Toonerville affair which slowly rocked and swayed through all of the little towns enroute.

For myself, I will gladly disown the ladies of the Olympic team.

Their official uniform of dark blue flannel coat with the Olympic emblem and gray skirt, also includes a county fair hat which does not look good any way it is bent or slanted. The top piece looks like something made of papier mache that has been plopped atop a Hallowe'en pumpkin.

London still wears its war scars, patched but unhealed. The bomb-levelled areas, which are still here, have been changed only by green weeds which grow through the rubble.

And the old wartime frame of mind is still prevalent Now it is Russia and nobody seems too certain war isn't in the offing.

No Bands There to Greet U. S. Olympians

That is the big reason why London is not taking the Olympic Games seriously. Tickets for the games at Wembley Stadium are not selling. Examiner

Newspapers are not giving the games much publicity for the main reason that the British publications are four-sheet affairs and are short of newsprint, more so than in any other country in the world. Any story about the Olympics that runs three or four paragraphs is a big one.

All 62 nations competing will be well provided for in the way of accommodations, but this is merely by way of obligation. They say this will be the worst Olympics in history from the standpoint of promotion production.

With most of the world's athletes on hand, Wembley Stadium is not yet fitted to take care of the job and they are even now installing facilities for the athletes as well as for the press. Los Angeles Calif.

No bands were on hand to greet the U. S. Olympic team at Southampton this morning. The American party of 260 members simply walked down the gangplank and waited two hours while the confusion of checking luggage through the customs officials was done away with.

And when the team arrived in London the welcome mat was conspicuously missing. The Americans simply shifted for themselves. Thurs.

The biggest uproar occasioned by the arrival of the American team was brought about by nobody except large me. 7-22-48

At Waterloo station a flock of British newspapermen descended and commenced calling me Avery Brundage, a gentleman who happens to be president of the U. S. Olympic committee.

This strange experience came and passed but I resented it—because I am immensely more beautiful than Avery Brundage and also younger.

I still don't see any banners or streamers welcoming anybody to London. Here it is all routine—just another happening which is not considered a very important one.

As a matter of fact I was just looking for a cake of soap in my hotel room. No soap. One towel.

And the bellboy tells me he would rather have a package of American cigarets any old day in preference to a tip—which is only money.

U. S. Outlook In Olympics Is Good

By Ray Freeman

The ambition of every athlete when he enters the Olympics is to win a first place. United States, this year, as was the case in the last Olympics will depend on Negro athletics for a good portion of its wins. We have three stars that really should do American proud. The first and most likely the one not to get defeated is Charles Fonville.

He is a gangling 6 ft. 2 in. fellow, as shot putters go. He only weighs 198 lbs. and heaves the shot a consistant 56 feet and has broken the worlds record with an unbelievable 58 ft. toss. Fonville has been a slow developer, and that's a good thing in a track man or a field man. A slow developer always hits his peak for the big meets, and this one is the biggest. In last summers' N.C.A.A. meet he won but was hard pushed by Gordien and the rest. This year no one has ever came near the ever dependable Wolverine junior. No foreign entries even compare with Fonville. One thing certain, Hans Woellke's record of 53 ft. 1¾ in. made in the 1936 Olympics for Germany should be broken even if Fonville throws left handed.

The Intermountain Times

The second of the three, Willie Steele of San Diego State College, has been and is no less brilliant in his performances this year. He won at the N.C.A.A. held here in Utah last year with a broad jump of 26 ft. 5 5-16 in. Willie has been coming along slowly this year and has not yet reached 26 ft. Steele only jumped 23 ft. 11½ in. in one meet in the early part fo the year; but just the other day leaped a good 25 ft 5 in. which is improvement in anyone's book. The dashes aren't his event but just to strengthen his legs he took them up and ran four meets before meeting his superior in Mel Patton, the country's best sprinter. It's versatility such as has Steele and many other members of America's coming team that the other countries must beat and that's very hard to combat in a track meet. Watch out for Willie, London! He is a sure winner.

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Ogden, Utah

The last of the three, Harrison Dillard, the hurdler from Berea, Ohio's Baldwin-Wallace College is by way of Cleveland Tech, Ohio, which gave us the great Jesse Owens. This 24-year-old lad is the nearest thing to a picture while going over a hurdle this writer has ever seen. (That includes Batiste and Walcott also). This Ohio flash is so fast that he just completed a victory string of 80 consecutive times without defeat. Not only did he run the hurdles, but ran the hundred yard dash as well while compiling this amazing record. It's just about the greatest record of consecutive wins ever recorded, in fact the books say it is. Here are just a few more of his feats. He holds the unofficial worlds record for 120 yard high hurdles at 13.6 seconds, the worlds record in low hurdles at 22.3 seconds, is undefeated in the sprints in a duel meet, holds indoor and outdoor records in both lows and highs and to change the subject is an honor student. Hurrying Harrison has also taken up the sprints for an Olympic try and placed second to the great Barney Ewell in the A.A.U. trials at Milwaukee last Saturday. He was also beaten in the high hurdles by dangerous Bill Porter of Northwestern; but look for redemption in the 110 meter hurdles at Evanston this Saturday; and don't be surprised if he pushes Patton in the hundred meters.

Fri. 7-9-48

It is no wonder that Dean Cromwell, the U. S. track coach, has a smile that can't be matched. Performances like these three are enough to make any coach wish the Olympics were every year instead of every four.

Capture Nine Out Of Eleven Berths In Providence

Journal Guide

Norfolk, Va.

Audrey Patterson Given Thunderous Victory Ovation

Sat. 7-24-48

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—(ANP) — Three records were overshadowed in the course of the women's olympic tryouts and Negro competitors gained nine of the 11 places on the squad selected to represent the United States in the Olympic games in England.

Selected on the squad were: Audrey Patterson, Tennessee State College; Nell Jackson, Tuskegee Institute; Bernice Robinson, Chicago (Washington Park); Theresa Manuel, Tuskegee; Mable Walker, Tuskegee; Alice Coachman, Albany State College, Ga.; Emma Read, Tennessee State; Lillian Young, Forestville Playground, Chicago and Mae Faggs, Police Athletic League, New York City.

The other two places were taken by the two matrons who were outstanding in the Milwaukee meet, Frances Kaszubski of Cleveland and Dorothy Dodson of Mundelein, Ill.

PATTERSON IS PET

Easily the favorite of the crowd in the meet was Tennessee State's Audrey Patterson who won the 200-meter dash and placed second in the 100-meters. Miss Patterson ran beautiful races despite a poor start in the 100. After her first victory, which came in the 200-meter trials, the popular Miss drew a round of applause from the spectators each time she passed the stands following a half dozen trial and final efforts.

Second to Miss Patterson in crowd appeal was Mable Walker of Tuskegee, who won the 100-meters with a tremendous driving effort. So overcome with happiness at her win, she broke down and cried right in the middle of the track.

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These two ran with such power and determination that the crowd seemed to join in the race with them. Miss Walker is holder of the national 50-meter dash title by virtue of a win last week in Milwaukee.

TOPS HIGH JUMPERS

Alice Coachman, Albany State's high jump titlist, drew the attention of every spectator in the gathering darkness as she surpassed the American high jump record and was about to attempt to break the Olympic record. She decided not to try the mark when the officials had to light matches in order to set the bar in place. Evidently the risk of injury from any miscalculation was too great for the Albany star with the Olympics yet to come.

HURDLER FALLS HARD

Heartbreaker of the day was the failure of Tuskegee's Lillian Purifoy in the 80-meter hurdles. Miss Purifoy broke on top in the first trial heat and was going away at the first hurdle, then she cleared the third hurdle widening her lead gap at every step and fell hard. Miss Purifoy came to her feet, tried the fourth hurdle and gave up. There was an audible groan from the crowd as the hurdler fell, exemplifying the disappointment of both the spectators and the competitor.

The Tuskegee team, which won the national title in Milwaukee, proved its superiority by gaining three of the 11 places on the team. Their only bid of team participation for this meet was a medley relay event, run again the New York PAL. The Tuskegeeans broke the record set in 1929 for the half mile distance with an official time of 1.54. (Records were not recognized because this was not an AAU meet.)

EIGHT RECORDS SHOULD TUMBLE FOR TRACKSTERS

LONDON, July 29—(AP)—The United States track and field squad, just about the most powerful ever assembled under one banner is favored to take ten gold medals in the Olympic games and play a big part in the expected smashing of at least eight records.

Harrison Dillard

Ten other Olympic marks are in danger of being surpassed and in addition several world standards are within reach of the vast army of the world's greatest athletes in Wembley stadium.

Two of the track stars of the 59 nations taking part in the eight days of track and field competition starting tomorrow are considered likely to capture two titles.

They are California's Mel Patton in the 100 and 200 meters and Czechoslovakia's running machine Emil Zatopek in the difficult 5,000 and 10,000 meter double.

World standards in peril are the 400 meter and 1,600 meter relays to the Americans; 10,000 meters to Zatopek; the hammer throw to Hungary's Imry Nemeth; broad jump to California's Willie Steele; 400 to Jamaica's Herb McKenley and perhaps the high jump to California's amazing George Stanich.

Pageantry To Mark Opening Of Games

The Lighthouse and Informer

Columbia, S.C. Sun. 8-1-48

LONDON, Eng. — King George VI, one of the most sports-minded monarchs ever to rule the vast British Empire, will open the 14th Olympiad Thursday by saying: "I proclaim open the Olympiad Games of 1948, celebrating the XIVth Olympiad of the modern era."

Trumpets and guns will sound and hundreds of pigeons released

Then around the bright red running track of pulverized title that encircles the emerald infield, a blond six-foot runner— chosen as the "perfect Englishman"— will race into the stadium with a flame borne by a long procession of runners from Mt. Olympus in Greece.

USA SENDS 341 ATHLETES

The United States— its team of 341 athletes is second in size only to Great Britian's 374— is counting on the usual powerful showing in track and field, local center of the games and championships in swimming, crew, basketball, boxing wrestling and other fields.

Six nations are competing in all of the games namely the United States, France, England, Italy, Hungary, and Czechoslovakia.

The newest chapter in the sports drama that began in the hazy early history of Greece in 776 BC will be played in Wembley Stadium, a West London dog race track austerely converted into the shrine of international sport.

61 NATIONS COMPETE

Despite the distress of the post-war world, 5000 athletes from 61 nations will start competition in 17 sports here July 29, continuing until the closing ceremonies August 14.

Sun. 8-1-48

When the games were last held in Berlin, Germany back in 1936, the games drew 3,904 athletes from 42 nations. United States led the field in points but the Germans won the most medals.

When the Olympic flame is lighted in London, Thursday it will be a tribute to the stamina and endurance of relays of runners who sped the Eternal Flame of Sportsmanship through Italy, Switzerland, and France, where it was placed aboard a British warship.

Here is an Olympic games schedule by sports; (no competition on Sundays, August 1 and 8).

Basketball—Morning, afternoon and evening sessions, July 30-August 13.

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Swimming—Morning, afternoon and evening sessions, July 30-August 7.

Wrestling—Morning and evening sessions, July 30-August 6.

Track—Morning and afternoon sessions, July 30--August 7.

Fencing—Morning and afternoon sessions, July 30-August 13.

Soccer—Evening sessions July 31 August 2, 5, 10, 11, 13.

Pentathlon—Morning sessions July 30-August 4.

Columbia

Field Hockey—-Evening sessions July 31-August 9, final August 12.

Yachting—Afternoon sessions August 3-6; August 10-12.

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Rowing—Morning and afternoon sessions August 5-7; afternoon session August 9.

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Cycling—Morning and afternoon August 7; evenings of August 9 and 11; mornin gof August 13.

Equestrian—Morning, afternoon and evening sessions August 9-11; morning and afternoon August 12; afternoons August 13-14.

Gymnastics—Morning and afternoon sessions August 9-11.

Boxing—Morning, afternoon and evening sessions August 10-11; afternoon and evening sessions August 9, August 12-13.

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Weight Lifting—-Afternoon and evening sessions August 9-11.

Canoeing—Afternoon and evening sessions August 9-11.

Shooting—Morning and afternoon sessions August 2-6.

Patton, Ewell Clocked At 21.1

Daily World, Atlanta, Ga.

Thur 8-5-48

WEMBLEY STADIUM, London—California's lanky Mel Patton, highly publicized U. S. sprinter, grabbed a medal and the London headlines yesterday at huge Wembley Stadium when he streaked across the finish line in 21.1 seconds, a hairline in front of flashy Barney Ewell, 30-year-old former cinder star at Penn State.

The dash victory by speedster Patton was linked with that of two other Californians, shot-putter Wilbur Thompson and diver Vicki Draves, who added Olympic championship laurels to the United States bid for the 1948 Olympic title.

Patton, a driving sprinter who came in a miserable fifth in the 100 meter dash, hit the tape less than a yard ahead of Ewell. The finish was so close that Ewell was clocked at the same time (21.1) on the official watches.

Following close on the mercurial heels of the American dashmen were Lloyd LaBeach, Panama's one man team and Herb McKenley, the U. S.-trained Jamaican who is a standout favorite in the 400-meter event. Thur 8-5-48

SHOT PUT RECORD

An Olympic shotput record was set almost every time an American tossed the iron ball. Nine times the old standard fell before Thompson, another Southern Cal student, clinched the title with a heave of 56 feet 2 inches. It was the seventh track and field crown won by an American.

Thompson cracked the record five times and fouled out on the sixth attempt as he nosed out Jim Delaney, a high school teacher in San Francisco, who achieved 54 feet 8½ inches and Jim Fuchs, a Yale football player who did 53 feet 10½ inches.

All of this shelved the old mark, set by Han Woellke, of Germany, in 1936, when he did 53 feet 1¼ inches. 8-5-48

Mrs. Draves, a 23-year-old Pasadena housewife, led the U. S. to a sweep of the first three places in the women's springboard diving completion. The men accomplished the same cleanup Saturday. Both men and women are favored to repeat their triumphs in the high dive.

Zoe Ann Olsen of Oakland, Calif., the 17-year-old American titleholder, finished second to Mrs. Draves for the first time in major competition. The final result was in doubt until the eighth and last dive was scored. Patricia Ann Elsener, of San Francisco, was third.

SWIM TEAM FIRST

The men's swim relay team, composed of Wally Ris, of Chicago, and Iowa University, the 100-meter freestyle Olympic champ Wallace Wolf of Los Angeles, Cal.; Jimmy McLane, 17-year-old Akron, Ohio and Andover Academy star and Hawaiian Bill Smith of Ohio State broke the World and Olympic record of 8:51.5 set by Japan in 1936. The American quartet was clocked in 8:46 flat.

Basketball, considered a sure thing win for the American squad produced a real surprise when the Argentines, made it close. The U. S. squad trailing at half time by six points had to come from behind to pull out a 59.57 victory in a game marred by arguments.

VALDOSTA

8-5-48

VALDOSTA, Ga.—Mrs. John Council and son are visiting their daughter and sister, Mrs. Alma Williams in Pason, N. Y. Mrs. Theresa Baker and daughter are visiting their mother and grandmother in N. J. Mr. Henry Hudson of Philadelphia is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Mary Hudson. Mr. Peter Horne died suddenly Tuesday afternoon. He is survived by several children and a sister. Woman's Day was had at St. James Baptist Church. Total amount raised $642.75 and of this amount $432.15 was raised solely by women. Mrs. Annie Moore of Pittsburgh, Pa., is visiting her aunt other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Almeta Williams and daughter have guest from Boston Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Paul and grandchildren left Saturday for visit their daughter and other relatives. Mrs. John Odom, instrucWinter Park and Sarosola, Fla. to tor at Georgia Women's State College (white) was guest speaker at the Chapel Saturday at the work shop. Mr. Lonie J. Thomas of Boston is spending two weeks with his wife and children. Mrs. Louise Jones Thomas, 600 W. Adair St. Thur 8-5-48

Mr. O. W. Bryant spent a few days last week in Americus and Lumpkin. He returned Thursday accompanied by his sister-in-law Mrs. Clarke who is spending a few days before returning to New York. Mr. Eugene Clarke of Boston is the guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Clark and brothers of W. Adair St. Mr. Wm H. Carter spnet the week end in Dawson, Ga., on business, visiting relatives. Mrs. Idella Harrel and cousin of Miami, Fla. spent two weeks in Detroit, Mich. visiting relatives and friends.

Illegal Baton
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By ROBERT MUSEL
United Press Sports Writer

LONDON — (U.P.) — The United States' heavily-favored team won the 400-meter relay by seven yards in the Olympics Saturday but was disqualified for illegal baton passing. The British team which finished second, thus became the winner.

Coach Dean Cromwell of the U.S. team, filed a protest with the Olympic jury of appeals against the decision which cost the Stars and Stripes its first Olympic 400-meter relay since 1920, and deprived it of its sixth gold medal of the day.

The charge was made that Barney Ewell, of Lancaster, Penn., the first lapper, passed his baton to Second-lapper Lorenzo Wright of Detroit, outside the 20-yard zone. Cromwell said the baton was passed within 12 yards. Sun 8-8-48

The Yanks completed their sweep of men's swimming titles when Joe Verdeur won the 200-meter breast stroke and Jim McLane the 1,500-meter free-style. Ann Curtis won the women's 400-meter free-style. The U. S. 1,600-meter relay team breezed to an easy victory. Alice Coachman won the women's high jump—a total of five U. S. gold medals.

Then came a roar from the crowd. Up the victory flagstaff went the Union Jack. The band broke into "God Save the King."

One moment the U. S. team was standing around under the victory podium, joyously pounding on another, waiting to climb up to collect medals. Mel Patton of the University of Southern California, the anchor man, had just finished seven yards ahead of the field. 8-8-48

The Yank team of Ewell Wright, Harrison Dillard, Berea Ohio, and Patton dashed over to the officials at the finish line. They were joined by Cromwell and U. S. Olympic President Avery Brundage.

The heated discussion with the officials lasted for several minutes. The decision stood, and Cromwell sought out the jury of appeals.

Ewell had started slowly, but he was even with Britain's Alastair McCorquodale at the 100-meter mark.

There was some fumbling of the baton when Ewell passed it to Wright. But Cromwell insisted the baton was passed within 12 yards despite the fumbling.

The delay slowed Wright, and he was three yards behind when he finished his lap and handed the stick to Dillard, who was off like a shot. Within 30 meters he caught the leaders. Within 50 meters more he took the lead. And Patton zoomed through the last leg to finish seven yards ahead of Britain's John Archer. Italy was third in a photo finish with the British, granted second place after the disqualification.

The winning time was 41.3 seconds. The U. S. time was 40.7.

Ewell was crushed. Nosed out of a gold medal by fellow Yanks twice in the sprints, he thought at the end of today's race he had at last won a first place. He was joyously slapping Patton's back when those heart-stopping strains of the British anthem sounded over the stadium. 8-8-48

His face creased into a picture of grief. After they talked to officials, the dejected Yanks slowly walked across the wide infield and out of the stadium.

Don Barksdale On Olympic Quintet

New York State Times

NEW YORK.—Big Don Barksdale has been selected as a member of the 14-man U. S. Olympic basketball squad. The 6 ft. 5 ins. Californian was named to the select team following Olympic tryouts held in Madison Square Garden last week.

Barksdale pre-rated as one of the West Coast's best cage prospects in years, formerly starred at center for the University of California at Los Angeles, but quit the team to join the Oakland Bittners in AAU play. During last weeks' trials, here at the Garden, Barksdale scored 14 points as his team was dropped from the Olympic race by the Denver Nuggets 57-55. Sat. 4-10-48

Albany State Star Lone U. S. Winner

Atlanta Daily World

Sun 8-8-48

LONDON, Eng.—(NNPA)—Alice Coachman, a slim and lithe young woman from Albany State College, Albany, Ga. won the only women's track and field title scored by the United States at the 14th Olympiad, by jumping 5 feet 6 and one-half inches for a new Olympic mark.

It was a personal triumph for the slim and lithe young woman from the State of Georgia, who only a few weeks ago despairing of ever regaining her peak, had to be persuaded to try topflight competition again.

Alice Coachman and D. J. Tyler of Great Britain chalked up the same height of six inches and one-eighths, but the United States competitor got the nod on the basis of few misses at lower height. D. C. Tyler was second and Micheline Ostermer of France was third.

NEW OLYMPIC RECORD

Miss Coachman and Mrs. Tyler were credited with a new Olympic record in the high jump. The old mark of 5 feet 5¼ inches held jointly by Jean Shileh and Babe Didrikson of the United States.

Meanwhile, an American 400-meter team composed of Barney Ewell, Lorenzo Wright, Harrison Dillard and Mel Patton, was disqualified bacause of an alleged disrupted exchange. Olympic Coach Dean Cromwell filed an oficial protest because of the ruling, while American 400-meter team members hunted in vain for the judge who had thrown them out.

The judge had contended the first exchange of the baton was not made in the 20-meter zone. The United States won the 1,600 meter when Arthur Wint of Jamaica, the record-breaking 400-meter winner, pulled up lame on the third leg of the race.

FIRST WIN IN '39

Back to Miss Coachman, the lean star won her first national title in 1939, at the National AAU, and has held it ever since. In the AAU meet at Grand Rapids, Michigan early this summer, she set a new American mark by leaping five feet, four and 13-16 inches. Only darkness prevented her from going higher. 8-8-48

In addition to this she holds the American AAU mark in the 50-meter dash. She set this in 1944, [illegible] the distance was traveled in 6:4.

Alice is expected to graduate from Albany State College in 1949, with a degree in home economics.

The United States captured the unofficial championship in men's track and field at the Olympic games as the week-long track festival came to a close. The USA was followed by Sweden in second.

Great Britain third, and France and Finland tied for fourth. This marked the close of track and field competition with Americans carrying away ten gold medals and losing an eleventh, the 400-meter-relay, because of a technicality.

LONE U. S. WINNER

In the win by Miss Coachman, the Albany, Ga-born star, became the lone Georgian to win a title and the only American woman winner at the summer games.

Delfoo Cabera of Argentina, won the marathon race of 26 miles, 365 yards in two hours, 34 minutes and 51.6 seconds to take back to South America the title won by Juan Zabala at Los Angeles in 1932.

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Cabrera's win was over Tom Richards of England, E. Gailly of Belgiumn, J. L. Coleman of South Africa, C. E. Guines of Argentina, and S. T. Luty of South Africa.

World Record Jinx Holds In Olympics

Louisville, Ky.

Mon 8-8-48

Olympic Stadium, Wembley, England, Aug. 8 (AP)—This magnificent stadium was strictly a burial ground for the Olympic hopes of invading world record holders.

Not one scored a victory in his specialty—where, on the records, he reigned supreme.

In fact, the world record jinx was working in the United States even before the games opened. It knocked Harison Dillard of Baldwin-Wallace College clear off the Olympic hurdling squad, although he had broken the world record with a clocking of 13.6 seconds at 120 yards.

Dillard himself then applied the jinx to another world record holder—Mel Patton of California, the 100-yard sprint king with a 9.3 mark to his credit. Dillard won the Olympic dash of 100 meters — about 109 yards—with Patton running fifth.

Dillard

Another American world record breaker, Chuck Fonville of Michigan, who has put the shot 58 feet 1/4 inch, failed even to make the team in the Evanston, Ill., tryouts.

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Herb Mcenley, the former Illinois University runner who competed in the Olympics for Jamaica, likewise fell victim to the apparent rule that this was not a happy spot for men who alter the record books. McKenley did 45.9 seconds for the 400 meters in the United States. The recognized mark is 46 flat.

Yet in the Olympic 400 meter final Herb ran second to a fellow Jamaican, Arthur Wint, in 46.2.

Or take the 1,500 meters. The world record of 3:43 is shared by the incomparable Gundar Haegg (now ineligible) and Lennart Strand, both of Sweden.

What did Strand do in the Olympic 1,500? Temperamental Lennart ran second behind Henri Ericksson, still another Swede.

Viljo Heino, the famous Finnish distance runner, holds the world mark of 29 minutes, 35.4 seconds for the 10,000 meter run.

In the Olympic 10,000 Heino was run right off the track by the incredible Czech, Emil Zatopek, who went on to win the race in 29 minutes, 59.6 seconds. Heino quit at the halfway mark.

The best time in the books for the 3,000 meter steeplechase is 8:59, set a few years ago by Erik Elmsaeter of Sweden. Erik did rather well in the Olympic 3,000—he finished second behind a fellow Swede, Thure Sjoestrand. The winner's time was 9:04.6.

SIMILAR 8-8-48

Even in the walks, the situation was similar. Verner Hardmo of Sweden holds the world mark of 42 minutes, 39.6 seconds for the 10,000 meter heel-and-toe. In the final of that Olympic event today Hardmo was ruled off the track for illegal walking. Another Swede, John Milkaelsson, came in first.

The man who is credited with the best time ever for the marathon (there are no world records) is Yun Bok Suh of Korea. In today's marathon he finished among the very last and then collapsed. An unknown Argentine fireman won the endurance test.

The one world record holder who went into the games and did all right was a woman. She won three championships as well as leading her Holland team to another title in the 400 meter relay. That was Mrs. Fannie Blankers-Koen, the Dutch mother of two children. Fannie even set a new world mark in the 80 meter hurdles. 8-8-48

And yet, Mrs. Blankers-Koen didn't do anything in the two events in which she holds world records—the high and broad jumps. The amazing lady, who won the Olympic 100 meter and 200 meter races as well as the hurdles, scratched from the two jumps.

Greatest Olympics Launched Today

The Washington Post

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By Gayle Talbot

Wash. D.C.

London, July 28 (AP).—The mightiest sports carnival in history will open here tomorrow in colorful ceremonies bringing 5000 athletes from 59 nations together in Olympic rivalry.

Ten minutes of pageantry is all there is of the opening program. The only running will be done by men bearing the symbolic flamee on its last lap from Greece. However, a crowd of 80,000 spectators is expected for the show.

A cheering weather forecast of "warm and sunny" touched off a last-minute rush of ticket buying today as staid old London yielded at last to the Olympic fever.

Crowds stayed awake to cheer the Olympic torch on its way toward London. The torch landed this evening at Dover after passing through seven countries.

If the timing is right, it will be borne into the stadium at precisely 4:07 p. m. (10:07 a. m., Eastern standard time) by a runner whose identity was still hidden tonight.

10 Minutes of Ceremony

His arrival will climax those 10 minutes of ceremony into which will be packed all the colorful symbolism of the games—preserved through centuries and staged by the world's acknowledged masters of pageantry, the British.

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King George VI will start the show at 4 p. m. (10 a. m., EST).

"I proclaim open the Olympic games of 1948 celebrating the fourteenth Olympiad of the modern era," he will say. Then 5000 bright clad athletes from all over the world will file past him in the traditional Olympic parade.

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Just before the torch bearer races in and circles the bright red running track, 7000 pigeons will be loosed into the air as symbols of peace, and a 21-gun salute will be fired.

No Alibi for Americans

The ceremonies ended, the athletes will return to their camps to await the opening of competition on Friday morning.

America's powerful contingent of men and women stars gathered at Uxbridge tonight to rehearse their part in the parade and to decide in what order the various teams will march.

A final survey of the several American training camps failed to turn up a single injury or illness of any importance. Uncle Sam's athletes have reached a peak of form and condition after a week's intensive training under a hot sun, and they will have no alibis.

A Hungarian hammer thrower named Imry Nemeth created more interest than any other competitor on the Uxbridge practice field today. Most of the weight men in camp, including the Americans, gathered around to watch the big fellow heave the ball. He was credited this year with a world-record throw of 194 feet, 2¾ inches.

He Looks Like Winner

After watching him for a time, Sam Felton, one of the American entries, observed: "He has tremendous speed and perfection. He looks like the winner."

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There has been a growing feeling in recent days that Harrison Dillard, the great hurdler who failed to qualify in his specialty, might spring a surprise in the 100-meter dash.

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Although he finished third to Barney Ewell and Mel Patton in the American trials, the Negro flash has been beating both of them out of the starting pits since arriving here, and he is in a very determined frame of mind.

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NEGRO ACES VISIT TRUMAN

Times

Footballs for Wilberforce Game Autographed by President

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22—President Truman today received a group of Negro Olympic athletes in the White House and autographed two footballs which will be used in the football game at Griffith Stadium tomorrow night between Tennessee State and Wilberforce University.

Mr. Truman congratulated the athletes on their achievements in the recent Olympic games in London. The visitors were Harrison Dillard, 100-meter champion, Alice Coachman, Mabel Walker, Emma Reed, Audrey Patterson, Nell Jackson and Theresa Manuel. The athletes will give a demonstration at the football game. The proceeds will go the the United Negro College Fund for scholarships.

Six Negroes Win Olympic Boxing Bouts

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Nine Chicago boxers won the right to represent United States Olympic district three in Toledo on June 15, 16 and 17. The Negro winners in the elimination finals at Comiskey Park last Thursday night were Everett Cooper, Savoy 118-pounder; Curtis Walker, 126, CYO; Charles Adkins, 135, Gary, Ind.; Edgar Smith, 160, (by default); Wilbert Johnson, 175, Kensington Police Station Boys Club and Buck Raven, heavyweight, Gary, Ind. 6-19-48

Two Turned Down

Walker gained the right to make the trip when physicians refused to okay Donald Ward of the Savoy earlier in the day. Adkins disposed of Danny Womber, Savoy.

Ossie Moore, Savoy, 160, was another boxer the physicians turned down and Edgar Smith made the team without fighting.

White boys winning were Joseph Castaneda, 112, CYO and Richard Guerrero, 147, CYO and Golden Gloves champion. Guerrero defeated his teammate, Al Prislinger in the best bout on the card.

Before the fights, it was learned that both Prislinger and Guerrero had been selected to make the trip to Toledo.

Because of the two defaults, two extra bouts were staged. The principals were from the Catholic Youth Organization.

Show Fok Lend Hand

The proceeds of the show went to the Provident Hospital fund drive. 6-19-48

Masters of ceremony were Dave Garraway of radio fame, David Kellum, Chicago Defender's Bud Billikin club director, and Eddie Plicque of the Savoy A. C.

Cab Calloway was among the stage and screen folk who appeared on the program along with acts from the popular night spots on the southside.

The Central Amateur Athletic Union and the U. S. Oympic boxing committee in this area used the regular A. A. U. officials including timers, judges and referees.

Barksdale Had Two Shots At Olympic Team

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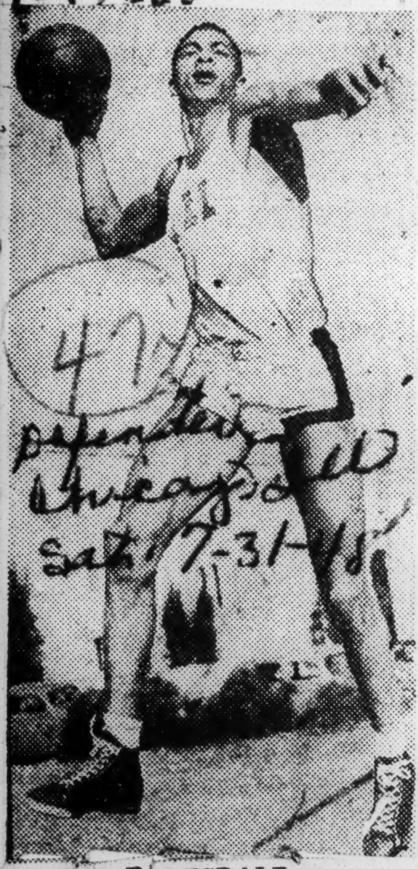

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DON BARKSDALE

LONDON—Donald A. Barksdale, ~~the rangy forward and only Negro~~ on the United States basketball team, had two shots at winning a berth on the Olympic squad.

A court star at the University of California at Los Angeles, Barksdale was undecided whether to try for the basketball team or the track team. As the basketball team was selected before the track squad, Barksdale decided to concentrate on winning a post with the giants of the court. Sat.

And when you say giants, you're not kidding, because every man on the squad ranges above six feet, with Robert A. Kurland, center from Oklahoma, topping the list with his better than seven feet.

Barksdale, who stands 6 feet 6 inches and tips the scales at 200 pounds, has some marks in field events that would have made him a serious threat for those attempting to keep him off the squad.

Good Track Man

In the running high jump Barksdale, who graduated from UCLA in June of 1947, has a mark of 6 feet 6 inches for this year, and a mark of 24 feet, 8½ inches in the running broad jump. He hurtled his body 46 feet 10¼ ¼ inches in the hop, step and jump. 7-31-48

The basketball team left on a tour of Scotland the day after arriving in London, playing games in Paisley, Perth, St. Andrew, and Edinborough. The members will play golf on the famous St. Andrew links the day before the court game that night. Sat.

The starting lineup will be selected after the tour. However, Barksdale played in games played just before the team sailed has caused most expert to offer predictions that Donald will be in the starting lineup when Olympic play begins.

Mal Whitfield Faces Toughest Assignment

World
Atlanta, Ga.

BY RUSS J. COWANS

LONDON, Eng (NNPA)—Who has the toughest assignment in the coming Olympic Game?

Well, if you want to take the word of track experts, bolstered by the judgment of experienced sports scribes, then, to Mal Whitefield, middle distance runner, goes that distinction. Wed.

The Ohio State University and Army air corps star, will try the back-breaking 400 and 800-meters double in London. Quite a stunt if he can accomplish it.

In the 1936 Olympics at Berlin, long striding Johnny Woodruff, Pittsburgh, captured the 800 meters in 1:52.9, a little better than Thomas Hampson's marck of 1:49.8.

Woodruff's victory in the 800 meters was the first win for the United States in that event since J. E. (Ted) Meredith won it in 1912 in 1: 51.8. 1-31-48

Archie Williams, sophomore at the University of California, won the 400 meters in the brilliant time of 46.5, just four-tenths of a second of the world record he set at Chicago, June 19, 1936.

The toughest part of Whitefiled's double-duty will come in the 400 meters where he will face Blazing Herb McKenley, and Arthur Wint from Jamaica, and Donald Bailey of Trinidad. 1-31-48

Americans are well acquainted with McKenley, who set a new world record for the 400 meters in the AAU meet in Milwaukee, running the distance in the amazing time of 45.9 seconds. The old mark of 46 seconds was set by Rudolf Harbig, Germany, in 1936, and ties by Grover Klemmer in 1941.

The Olympic record for the distance is 46.2. Whitfield won the final in the tryouts at Evanston in 46.6 Dave Bolen, Colorado, who had won the first heat in 47.3. was second to Whitfield in the final.

Whitfield may face Wint again in the 800, and the Jamacian has a better record than the flying air corps runner. Wint has to his credit a mark of 1:50 for the distance.

In addition, there's Doug Harris, the New Zealander who has raced over the distance in 1:49.4, plus Tom White, Harry Parlett and Harry Tarraay all who have done better than Whitfield's 1:50.6.

But the smooth-striding Whitfield has the courage and endurance to keep up with the crowd, plus finishing kick that should send him home in front.

But, it would be wise for you to keep in mind some of the names mentioned in this story. They may pop up before the Games are over.

Johnson, U. S., Scores in Ring As Fans Voice Strong Protests

Times

Bedlam Lasts Nearly 20 Minutes After Close Featherweight Bout—Sodano, Smith and Speizer, Americans. Win

New York, N.Y.
Wed. 8-11-48

WEMBLEY, England, Aug. 10 (AP)—A full scale rhubarb shattered the austere calm of the Olympic boxing tournament today.

Fans and officials disagreed violently when the judges gave a decision to Ed Johnson, 20-year-old United States Air Force private, over Basilio Alves of Uruguay in the second round of the featherweight eliminations.

When the decision was announced, the roof shook with the boos of excited spectators, many of whom threw their hats and caps at the ring, and an angry, loud-voiced argument broke out on the officials' stand.

Followers of Alves hoisted him to their shoulders and paraded him around the Empire Pool House, scene of the boxing competition.

Is Pushed Off Stand

Fans cheered this display and ushers tussled with spectators who climbed over balcany rails to join in any of ten separate knots of arguing partisans. Alves' supporters carried him onto the judges' stand, but he was pushed away. 8-11-48

Alves then leaped to the floor and trotted around the pool house, grinning and waving his hands at his cheering supporters.

Angry spectators booed, whistled and yelled for nearly twenty minutes before the guards could restore a semblance of order. Johnson and his handlers had long since disappeared into the dressing room.

Olympic boxing officials have **announced** that all decisions are **final.** The fight appeared to be **close to** most observers. Johnson **seemed to** have an edge in the first round but had trouble dealing with the aggressive style of the 33-year-old Uruguayan.

Johnson a Negro from Kansas City, Mo., fights with a smooth, poised style best geared to counter-punching. Alves flings himself healong ith both arms pumping.

James A. Lee of Cleveland, Ohio, manager of the United States boxing team, said later "it was not a good fight; it was a brawl, but it was closed and had the decision been given to Alves we would have protested." 8-11-48

Dillard Fails In Quest For Olympic Hurdles Berth

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Harrison Dillard will sail with the United States Olympic team this week for London and the Olympic games next month. But the hopes of recent years will not be realized.

Dillard will not represent the United States in the 110-meters high hurdles. He will run in the 100-meters dash and on the 400-meters relay team.

Dillard's win streak of 82 victories in the dashes and hurdles ended in Milwaukee in the National A. A. U. meet. 7-17-48

On Friday at Dyche Stadium, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., the Baldwin-Wallace College flyer from Berea, Ohio, won the second heat of the 100-meters dash in 10.4 seconds leading Mel Patton, white, University of Southern California to the tape. Ed Conwell, former New York University runner, was third. Lorenzo Wright, Wayne University of Michigan, was sixth.

In the first heat, Barney Ewell, fully 31 years old and formerly with Penn State College and later of the Camp Lee track team during the war, was winner in 10.5. Bill Mathis, ex-University of Illinois and Big Nine sprint champion, now running for the Pioneer A. C. of New York City, was third.

4 Negroes In Finals

Thus the final for the 100-meters brought Ewell, Mathis, Dillard, Conwell and two white boys to face the starter Don Campbell, Colorado, and Mel Patton, Southern California, were the white boys.

Charles Parker, Texas, touted to be a sure winner and timed by the Dixier watch holders in record performances was an "also ran" in the first heat. 7-17-48

Ewell won the championship in 10.2 seconds which ties the world record set by Jesse Owens in 1936 and equaled by Hal Davis in 1941 and 1-10th second faster than the Olympic record set by Eddie Tolan in Los Angeles in 1932. in a race which both the fans and the cameras show Ralph Metcalfe to be the winner. Metcalf's foot is way over the line in the picture.

Patton was second. Dillard was third and Ed Conwell was fourth. Conwell will go as the fourth member of the sprint quartet which will represent the United States in the 400-meters relay.

Dillard won the first heat in the 110-meters hurdles in 14 seconds on Saturday. George Walker University of Illinois was fifth. Sat

Eddie Dugger, now of Dayton, Ohio, but formerly National Collegiate and A. A. U., also Intercollegiate AAAA hurdles indoor and outdoor champion, was second to Bill Porter, white, Northwestern University, in the second heat. Porter's time was 14 seconds. The wind was blowing 3.6 miles per hour against the runners.

Ed Taylor, Michigan State was third. Sat

This placed Dugger, Dillard and Taylor in the finals. 7-17-48

Porter was off to a perfect start and went into the lead at the third hurdle. Dillard hit the first hurdle with his lead foot and knocked it flat. It threw him off his stride. He cleared hurdle two but knocked down hurdles four, five and six. He came to a dead stop before hurdle seven and was out of the race.

Dean Cromwell, Olympic Mentor, Again Under Fire for Prejudiced Statements

The Afro-American

Baltimore, Md.

NEW YORK (ANP) — Dean Cromwell, head coach of the Olympic track team unpopularly named to this post over protests which claimed the USC coach was not on the liberal side, again left himself open to criticism last week, according to New York Times Sports Writer Art Daley.

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Cromwell's latest offense followed Barney Ewell's win over Mel Patton. Instead of congratulating Ewell on his victory, Cromwell is reported to have said: "Patton ran like a plow horse." Which prompted New York Post's Leonard Cohen to write, "If Patton ran like a plow horse, then Cromwell, his coach, must be a farmer."

Protests over Cromwell's appointment to the post of head coach were ignored by the AAU in making the selection, although Cromwell's attitude was well known and the AAU advised that the choice was not a popular one.

This latest outburst by the Southern California track coach is the type of thing previously attributed to him and were the foundations upon which the protests were registered.

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Colored members of the Olympic squad are aware of what they are probably being called upon to contend with. Cromwell, before leaving the U.S., already was following the Hitler procedure of ignoring colored winners.

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Bronze Athletes Hold Margin in Olympics

Baltimore, Md.

By EDWIN B. HENDERSON
For NNPA News Service

America's bronze athletic boys and girls bid fair to assure the margin of victory in the Olympics.

7-24-48

Although we are sorry to see the best hurdler in the world and the best shot putter fail in the final test, yet we have come through with a dark horse, Mal Whitfield, who proved the best in America in the two most gruelling contests on the program, the 400 and 800 meters. And, of course, Don Barksdale on the basketball squad could just as easily have been the hop-step-jump suecialist. Four of the eight boxers are our boys.

Now that Tuskegee and other colored girls have come through to take all but three or four of the 11 berths on the girls' track team, America will have to depend on us in this area.

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Literally a Dark Horse

Following the sensational double winning of Whitfield of Ohio State, everywhere the question was, who is this dark horse? Well, he is literally a dark horse, and he brightened American chances in the 400 and 800 meters.

for in at least one of the races the superb Britisher McKenley will be his opponent.

Then on Monday when the girls were tested out to represent America, it was easy to identify racial representatives by the label Tuskegee, and one could be sure that Kaszubski was not a colored name. But who were Dobson, Fagg, Millheiser or Young? All but three or four of the 11 berths on the girls' Olympic track team will be our girls.

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Racial Identification Lost

This leads us to ask why the several press associations and radio controls have silenced reference to race?

There was a time when to qualify the superior play of a colored collegian on a fall afternoon the sports commentator spoke of the "giant" or "burly" Negro even though, like Fonville, world champion putter, he weighed less than 200 pounds on a field where the white behemoths topped 240 and 250.

Baltimore, Md.

Except for Joe Louis, Ray Robinson, Ike Williams and a lot of other boxing luminaries whom television and general acclaim have labelled racially, seldom does a press account designate the racial identity of those who do something well that whites also contend for.

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Spotlights Criminal Element

But in the same medium the race of the criminal is usually set forth, and if that were not enough, the worst of the photographers's art is presented to show a near beast or imbecile. Of course, this is done to satisfy the bigots and bourbons of the South.

It would not do to point out the fact that some of the great singers or athletes were colored. Common sense among the white illiterates of the South would dispel some of the traditional notions about colored people.

Colored Actors Affected

It is the same tenchnic by which colored actors, except in service roles or as Uncle Toms are kept off the screen, and pictures of Americanized beauties, like Lena Horne, are kept out of the South.

But when our boys and girls contend in the Olympics before the races and the press of all mankind, it is not going to be so easy. The colored races will take heart. It will be hard to deny these peoples the rights and privileges of humanity.

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Mae Faggs, 16, and Audrey Patterson, 17, 2 Youngest

The Afro-American

Baltimore, Md.

Three of Eight Representing Tuskegee Institute; 200-Meter Event Now Added

Mon. 7-24-48

NEW YORK (NNPA)—Eight of the eleven members of the United States Olympic women's track and field team, who sailed aboard the liner S.S. America, Wednesday, bound for London, where the Olympic games will be held from July 21 to August 14, were colored, one just 17, and Mae Faggs, white, 16, youngest of the group.

Awarded Olympic berths were:

Mable Walker, Tuskegee Institute; Audrey Patterson, of Nashville, 16-year-old Tennessee State College student; Lillian Young, sister of Buddy Young, Chicago; Nell Jackson, Tuskegee Institute; Bernice Robinson, Chicago; Alice Coachman, Albany, Ga.; Theresa Manuel, Tuskegee Institute, and Emma Reed, Nashville.

Berths Awarded

Berths awarded to these women athletes on the Olympic team are as follows:

Miss Patterson, 100- and 200-meter runs; Miss Jackson, 200-meter run; Miss Robinson, 80-meter hurdles and high jump; Miss Manuel, 80-meter hurdles and javelin; Miss Walker, 100-meter run; Miss Coachman, high jump, and Miss Reed, broad and high jump.

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During the final tryouts in Brown University stadium at Providence, R.I., Monday night, July 12, the lanky Miss Patterson streaked to victory in the 200-meter dash. Getting away at the gun, the runner-up in the AAU championships led all the way to win going away in 25.3 seconds. Second was Miss Jackson, who finished almost five yards behind the winner.

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200 Meters New Event

The 200-meter run is a new event for women Olympic competitors. The National AAU record is 0:24.6, set in 1946 by Stella Walsh.

Miss Robinson won the 80-meter hurdles, defeating Nancy Phillips of Brooklyn. Miss Manuel ran third. Miss Robinson's time was 0:12.4. The record is 11.03 seconds.

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Miss Coachman won the high jump by leaping 5 feet 4¾ inches, an inch and a half higher than the present national AAU record made in 1933.

Miss Walker won the 100-meter dash in 12.3 seconds, a tenth of a second below the standard for that event, and Miss Reed won the broad jump with a leap of 18 feet 4⅚ inches.

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In an unofficial event, a quartet, representing Tuskegee Institute—Misses Walker, Mary Griggs, Jackson and Manuel—clipped 3.2 seconds off the American mark for the half mile medley relay by turning in 1:54 flat against a quartet representing the New York Police Athletic League.

Negroes In 1936 Olympics Had Much Better Record

The Defender

Sat 8-21-48

By RUSS J. COWANS

LONDON—Negro athletes while scoring brilliant achievements in track and field of the Fourteenth Olympiad which closes here August 14, failed to equal their accomplishments in the Eleventh Olympiad at Berlin in 1936.

Negro athletes scored four victories in London, including one by a representative of the British Empire, in comparison with six scored by Americans at Berlin. The fabulous Jesse Owens, accounted for three.

Chicago Ill

Athletes of color here were first in the 100-meters, 400-meters, 800-meters and running broad jump.

Melvin G. Whitfield, native of Bay City, Texas, and now a staff sergeant in the armed forces, accounted for one victory and a third place. He won the 800-meters Monday, outdistancing Arthur Wint, the long-striding Jamaican, and then lost a hard fought 400-meters jaunt Thursday, finishing behind Wint and Herb McKenley.

Four In 400-Meters

There were four colored—Whitfield, Wint, McKenley and David B. Bolen—in the 400. Bolen, running in the inside lane, was off like a streak, but was overtaken by McKenley, running in lane two, as the runners rounded the second curve.

The victory of Wint over his two formidable foes was loudly acclaimed by the 82,000 fans who had packed into Empire Stadium. This marked the first time during the Olympic track and field events that the British flag had been on top during the victory ceremony.

Wint's victory in the 400-meters avenged the loss suffered when Whitfield won the 800-meters. The big Texan, who is a student at Ohio State University, caught Wint on the back turn, passed him, and then had sufficient kick to beat off the challenge of the Jamaican.

Dillard won the 100-meters Saturday. The Baldwin-Wallace College senior was out of his holes like a bolt, and maintained this advantage to the finish. Henry Norwood (Barney) Ewell, 31-year-old former Penn State star, hit the finish line almost simultaneously with Dillard.

Ewell once again occupied second place at the finish of the 200-meters, won by Patton. LaBeach was third, McKenley, fourth and [illegible], Jamaica was sixth.

Willie Steele 25-year-old senior at San Diego State College, won the running broad jump with a leap of 25 feet 8 inches. Herb Douglas, senior at the University of Pittsburgh, finished third with 24 feet 9 inches, and Lorenzo Wright, Wayne University (Detroit) junior in fourth place with 24 feet 5½ inches.

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By winning the fifth heat of the 200 meters Thursday afternoon, Audrey Patterson, Tuskegee Institute, became the first colored girl to win a heat in an Olympic race. She also became the first colored girl to earn a post in a final event when she finished second in the second heat the semi-final, later Thursday afternoon.

F. A. Edeness, Bermuda, and Mary Flaggs, 16-year-old New York high school student were eliminated in the first heat of the 200-meters. The little Flaggs girl made a good fight, losing second and fourth place in the last strides. K. M. Russell was eliminated in the fifth heat.

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Two Olympic Titles Appear Lost

The Olympic 400 and 800-meter track titles, which were brought to U. S. A. in 1936 by **Archie Williams** and **John Woodruff**, appear likely to depart in London, says Austin Bealmear of the Associated Press. The Courier-Journal

"If **Herb McKenley**, the national 400-meter champion and world quarter-mile record holder, could run for the United States, Uncle Sam might have a chance in the 400," he says. But Herb will compete for his native Jamaica. Louisville, Ky.

The situation is even more serious in the 800, where at least half a dozen countries boast runners whose recent achievements show them to be faster than anything the U. S. can produce at the distance. Wed. 3-24-48

"A lot can happen between now and the final selection of the Olympic team next July 9 and 10. At the moment, however, the American who seems best fitted to give the favored McKenley a wrestle for the 400-meter crown is **Dave Bolen**, smooth-striding Negro runner from Colorado.

"Beaten by McKenley in both the national A.A.U. 400 meters and N.C.A.A. quarter-mile last summer, Bolen recently turned the tables on the former Illinois ace by defeating him at 600 yards in the national A.A.U. indoor meet.

McKenley

But the Olympics are run outdoors on cinders, where the footing and the 400-meter distance are more to McKenley's liking than a 600-yard race on boards.

McKenley's winning time for the 400 was 47.1 seconds. However, he has done 46.2, just two-tenths off the world record, and owns the world quarter-mile mark of 46.3. In London, he expects to compete in the 200 meters, as well as the 400.

Bolen's best 400-meter time is 46.9 seconds and he can turn a quarter-mile in 47.2. His chief rival for the 400-meter job on the U. S. team likely will be George Guida of Villanova, who missed catching him by less than a step at the Nationals in Lincoln, Neb., last summer.

Other American hopefuls at 400 meters include Mal Whitefield of Ohio State, who won the national junior title in 47.4; Hubert Kerns, Cliff Bourland and Roy Cochran of the Los Angeles Olympic Club; Wells De Loach of Southern California, John Hammack of Army, Harold McDonnel of Fordham and Harry Cogswell of Ohio State. The Courier-Journal

America's best bets for the 800 appear to be Reggie Pearman of New York University, who won the national A.A.U. title last year in 1:50.9 but has been something of a disappointment indoors, and Johnny Fulton of the Los Angeles A.C., whose 1:49.5 while competing in New Zealand was the fastest 880 yards run by an American in 1947. Louisville, Ky. Wed. 3-24-48

To the American 800-meter list may be added Whitfield and Tarver Perkins of the Illinois Athletic Club, who ran second and third behind Pearman at Lincoln; Jack Dianetti of Michigan State, Herb Barten of Michigan, and Bill Clifford of Ohio State.

As of TODAY

New Book on Olympics Spoils a Good Story

BY LYALL SMITH

Last Olympic games were staged 12 years ago at Berlin in August, 1936. Free Press

Out of them flashed fabled Jesse Owens, the Ohio State Negro, to take home four first-place medals with the greatest single performance in the history of the international event.

Out of them also flashed stories of how Owens was snubbed by Herr Adolf Hitler, the Austrian paperhanger who was then climbing the peak as the "savior" of Germany on his so-called Nordic supremacy thesis.

With minor variations the story of the "snub" went like this: Hitler, after congratulating German Olympic champions, refused to recognize Owens, although Jesse practically turned the track and field meet into his personal show.

He refused to shake hands with Owens, refused to let the American Negro ascend the official podium lest it destroy his myth of the superiority of the "true Nordic"—whatever that might be. Detroit Michigan

Now it's the summer of the first Olympic games to be held since Berlin. And, with perfect timing, comes a new book to the desk called: "History of the Olympic Games," by Bill Henry and published by G. P. Putnam's Sons. The price you can find out for yourself. Fri. 5-28-48

It makes for good reading, even for the sports fan who is gun-shy of any opus with the word "history" in its title. Henry should speak with a punch. He is recognized as an Olympic authority from long experience as a Los Angeles sports editor and radio commentator.

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Hitler Rebuff Just Another Myth

HE COMPLETELY debunks the story of the Owens rebuff. And, by so doing, he also backs up Owens, who sat in my office less than one month ago and admitted that the story was very much over-exaggerated.

Henry—no Hitler-lover—reports the story like this: Adolph was on the loge of honor at the opening day of the games. When Hans Woellke, the German shot-putter, won his event—the opening one on the program—he became the first German to ever win an Olympic track and field trial in the games' history. Fri. 5-28-48

The thousands of German fans went wild and Hitler gave Woellke a personal greeting when the athlete was led to the reviewing stand. Next event to be completed was the 10,000 meters race and Hitler then greeted the three long-winded Finns who swept that competition. Two German girls then won the javelin and Hitler greeted them.

ADOLF HITLER

JESSE OWENS

They had leading roles in "incident" at 1936 Olympic Games

"There were other events that day," Henry reports, "but only one more final on this, the first day—the high jump. It was going on and on, as the high jump does. The last German had been eliminated and it was getting dark and Hitler had not intended to stay so long, anyway, so he departed." The Press

The late Cornelius Johnson, an American Negro, finally won the high jump. Hitler had shaken hands with the first three champions—two of them Germans—but he had not congratulated the day's only winner, who was an American and a Negro. That started the controversy.

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Adolf Denied Chance for Snub

OLYMPIC OFFICIALS sent word to Hitler that night that unless he was prepared to be on hand every day and congratulate every winner, he should refrain from publicly congratulating any of them. Detroit, Michigan

"Hitler explained that it was all in the excitement of Germany's first victory," Henry writes, "and agreed that he would engage in no more public greetings to champions on the loge of honor. He kept his word. There were stories that he congratulated other winners, particularly Germans, but if he did so it was out of sight." Fri.

Henry then points out that Owens could not possibly have been slighted since Jesse did not win the first of his four gold medals until two days later. 5-28-48

"Still," he says, "the fable persists that Hitler refused to shake hands with Owens, though the fact is that he never had the opportunity—"

Believe it or don't believe it. That's what the man says right on pages 236, 237 and 238.

Misfortune Is Nothing New For U. S. Olympic Hopefuls

Daily World Atlanta, Ga.

Fri. 7-30-48

BY RUSS J. COWANS

LONDON, Eng.—(NNPA)— The failure of Charles Fonville, the United States gold medal hopeful in the shot put, was disconcerting to those followers of track and field who had selected the University of Michigan junior as a sure thing in capturing top honors at the 14th Olympiad.

And the dismay clustered when Harrison Dillard, unofficial holder, of the world record for the high hurdles, had the door slammed in his face. However, the streamlined Baldwin-Wallace star, salvaged some of his prestige by winning a berth on the U. S. Olympic team as a member of the 100-meter squad. 7-30-48

But the misfortune that beset Fonville and Dillard at Evanston two weeks ago is nothing new for Negro members of Uncle Sam's teams. Misfortune has dogged their trail through the final tryouts and during the games, cutting down some of the stalwarts who had been picked as probable winners.

FICKLE DAME FORTUNE Fri.

Take the case of Howard, former Southern California and Drake University dash ace, as an example of how fickle Old Dame Fortune can be.

Drew, now a lawyer in Boston was conceded to be the best of the sprinting crop when athletes from various nations gathered at Stockholm in 1912 to compete in the Fifth Olympiad.

In the fourth Olympiad at London in 1908, Reggie Walker, a South African, had won the 100-meter race, and Robert Kerr, Canada, had won the 200-meter dash.

But American Followers were in high hopes because Drew, in his effortless fashion, had equalled the world record for the 100, and was in top form when the U. S. team sailed.

Daily World

Then misfortune struck. Drew pulled a tendon and was sidelined, and had to stand by and watch his teammate, Ralph Craig, a man whom he had defeated, capture both races. Atlanta, Ga.

Incidentally, Craig, now 59 years of age, is in London for Olympics, 36 years after he won the double crown. He qualified as an alternate member of the United States yachting squad. The yachting competition will be held August 3 off Torquay on the Devon Coast.

GAINED NATIONAL FAME Fri.

Sol Butler, who gained national fame when he won the national interscholastic crown single-handed for his high school in Hutchinson, Kansas., in 1915, was the cream of the crop among the broad jumpers at Antwerp in 1920, but an injured leg cost him the victory. 7-30-48

DeHart Hubbard, the first Negro ever to win an Olympic crown, injured his heel at Paris in 1924 but went on to win the broad title.

Eugene Beatty, one of the country's greatest hurdlers, fell as he struck the final hurdle in the final tryout in 1932. The former Michigan State Normal star finished last.

Later in the same games, Eddie Tolan defeated George Simpson, Ohio State, and Ralph Metcalfe, Marquette University, in the 200-meter run, but a short time later, Metcalfe and Tolan hit the tape together in a sensational finish of the 100-meter race. 7-30-48 Fri.

The judges, after viewing the picture, ruled that Tolan's torso had crossed the finish line ahead of that of the wider Metcalfe.

This cause a revision of the rule. The old rule stated that the winner was the one whose "torso is first across the line." The revised rule now states that the runners "shall be placed at the finish in the order in which any part of their bodies i. e., torso, reaches the finish line."

Olympians Says Cromwell Bias

The Call Kansas City, Mo.

Gets Most Time Patton His Pet,

Fri. 8-6-48

LONDON. —(ANP)— Charges that Coach Dean Cromwell of Southern California was not devoting correct attention to all the members of the American Olympics squad were flying on the eve of the Olympic games here last week.

One of the main track aces dissatisfied with Cromwell, known to be anti-Negro, was Barney Ewell. He claims that the coach is training him incorrectly in the matter of stars in the dash events. Not only is Ewell dissatisfied, but so are many of the other men. They claim that Cromwell is devoting most of his time to Mel Patton, dash star from his own school. Cromwell has given much more time to Patton than to Ewell despite the fact that Ewell beat Patton in the 100 meters dash while Patton defeated him in the 200 meters.

Most of the runners were wondering why Coach Emil von Elling of New York university, considered to be one of the best running coaches in the country, was not chosen to coach the runners of the Olympic squad. They wonder why he was chosen to tutor hammer throwers. Fri.

Ewell charged that Cromwell was using a faster start in practice than the Olympic officials use. He said that in his practice sessions the USC coach used only a brief moment between "set" and "go" although he knew that Olympic starters would be much slower. 8-6-48

It is feared that the dissension caused by Cromwell may cause the American squad to fare worse in the games than had been expected.

The probable choice of Dean Cromwell as Olympics coach was criticized even before he was officially picked to lead the American track men. Foreign squads are watching and hoping that the coach-squad feud may aid their chances against the Americans, the the overwhelming Olympics

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Albritton IsCasualty Of AAU

The Ohio State News

MILWAUKEE, Wisc.

More than 350 track and field athletes from all parts of the U. S. were headed home Sunday after failing in their efforts to gain a berth in the final U. S. Olympic tryouts. The biggest casualty in the two-day National AAU meet here in Milwaukee was 36-year-old Dave Albritton, high jumper from Dayton, O. Columbus, Ohio.

One of the few members of the 1936 Olympic squad still active, Albritton was considered a "sure thing" in the AAU. A week earlier he cleared 6 ft., 8¼ ins., best jump on record in the world for two years. Sat.

Instead, he failed to clear 6 ft., 6 ins. Twice the ex-Ohio Stater skipped up to make the jump, and both times he ran under the cross bar for a "balk." On his third and final attempt he got off his first jump at the height—and missed, thus crushing hopes of returning to the games he helped the U. S. win in 1936. 7-10-48

After missing on his final jump, the disappointed Albritton gasped "Can you imagine a guy like me choking up like that?" It was a strange and very unusual occurrence to those who had seen the Ohioan win many titles under heavier pressure. He had come to be recognized as a "money performer" because of his excellent showing when the chips were down.

The biggest surprise of the meet came in the defeat of Harrison Dillard in the 100 meters by Barney Ewell and in the high hurdles by Bill Porter of Northwestern. Ewell nipped him by a yard in the century, his first loss in 13 months, ending the longest victory streak on record at 82. Minutes later. Porter, who by coincidence was the last to defeat him, edged him in the hurdles by three yards.

Most of Dillard's admirers were utterly taken by his two losses, but to officials here and the Baldwin-Wallace runner's coach Eddie Finnigan, it represented a success story of another sort. Though he lost both races, he qualified in two events. He ran both races in less than 30 minutes time. This weekend at final Olympic tryouts, the events will be spaced and give him ample time to rest. He could win them both.

The real pressure will not strike full force until this weekend at Dyche Stadium, Northwestern University, when 204 athletes vie for the 56 places on the U. S. Olympic team. Sat.

At the moment there are near a score of cinch qualifiers going into the meet. Mel Patton, Southern California sprinter, if he can avoid the cramps he's been bothered with this spring; Michigan's Charlie Fonville, if the week's rest was enough for his strained shoulder muscle; Gil Dodds, the "Flyin' Parson"; Dillard, Willie Steele, the California broad jumper, Barney Ewell, in the sprints; Fred Johnson, Michigan State broad jumper, and Reggie Pearman, NYU half miler. 7-10-48

Some of the qualifiers for the Olympic tryout finals went straight to Northwestern to resume workouts preparatory to the opening day activities on Friday. The majority of the men moved into the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, near Chicago, where they will be quartered during the tryouts.

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U.S. COMMITTEE NEEDS HELP:

The Afro-American

Our Athletes Starred in Olympics Since 1904

Baltimore, Md.

By EDWIN B. HENDERSON
(For NNPA News Service)

"Unless more donations are made to the American Olympic Committee, the team will have to be cut," so says Avery Brundage, president of the United States Olympic Committee.

Sat.

Citizens should contribute generously to the support of the Olympic event. Of a budget needed of $500,000, only $330,000 is at hand, and about $80,000 is pledged but yet uncollected. It takes about $1200 to pay for one athlete to compete in the Olympics.

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Washington has at least one colored boy, Norvel Lee, an alternate in the heavyweight division of the boxing team of sixteen. Four of the five canoeists representing America hail from the capital. And of course in track and field at least a dozen sterling colored runners and jumpers will make the trip. Four of the eight boxers representing the eight weight divisions are colored.

I am sending $10 to the local AAU. I hope that some of those who rank high in money brackets will send checks to the Olympic Committee nearest them.

Recalls George Poage

Nothing so confounded the world more than the success of our boys in the 1936 Olympics. Ever since 1904, in St. Louis, when George Poage, representing the Milwaukee Athletic Club, ran second to Harry Hillman of Dartmouth in the 400-meter race and 400-meter hurdles colored boys have been in the Olympiads, which have been held every four years, since the new games were revived in Athens in 1896 with the exception of the war years of 1940 and 1944.

Poage raced Hillman to a new record of that era of 49.2 in the 400-meter run and 53 seconds in the hurdle race, which was not allowed because the last hurdle was tipped.

The late John B. Taylor of the University of Penn in 1908 ran in the games at London, but tuberculosis was already taking toll of this great quarter-miler. Howard Drew in the sprints in Stockholm in 1912 pulled up in the finals with a bad tendon. Sol Butler could not compete after getting to Antwerp in 1920 for the same reason.

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But in Paris in 1924, DeHart Hubbard won the broad jump with a leap of 24 feet 5⅛ inches. Ned Gourdin of Harvard, first man in the world to jump over 25 feet, was second in this event. This was the first victory by a tan Yank.

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Ed Tolan in 1932

Jack London of British Giuana, Phil Edwards of Barbadoes and Canada, and Earl Johnson of Baltimore competed but did not hit the win column in 1928. However, out in California Eddie Tolan, Ralph Metcalfe and Ed Gordon were stars in the sprints and broad jump. Cornelius Johnson, now deceased, and Sylvia Cator were contestants, and Johnson, then a high school boy, took second place in the high jump.

In 1936 our boys really turned it on. Jesse Owens won the 100 meters in 10.3 seconds, the 200 meters in 20.7 seconds, and the broad jump by 26 feet 5 5-16 inches. He and Metcalfe were also members of the record-making sprint relay team.

Baltimore, Md.

Metcalfe was second in the 100 meters, Mack Robinson, brother of Jackie, was second in the 200 meters. Archie Williams took the 400 meters in 46.5 seconds with Jimmy LuValle running second. Long John Woodruff had no trouble in annexing the title to the 800 meters with Phil Edwards scoring third place.

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Cornelius Johnson was winner of the high jump with a mark of 6 feet 6¾ inches. Fritz Pollard Jr., was second in the high hurdle event.

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Prospect Good

With LaBeach, McKenley, Fonville, Dillard, Barksdale and a host of other colored athletes, people the world over will again thrill when our athletes compete with the pick of the nations in the London games this year.

No sociologist would dare claim that the performances of our boys will not help to prove in the mind of the masses the dignity of all men of all races. I hope every American sportsman and those who expect to turn on the radio when our boys are competing will send some dollars to the American Olympic Committee through their local chapters of the AAU.

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EXCHANGE OF BATON LEGAL, FILM PROVES

Times

Slow-Motion Pictures Clearly Show Ewell's Pass to Wright Within Prescribed Zone

'BROKEN TIME' BID BEATEN

New York, N.Y.

I. A. A. F. Commission Resigns in Protest—Five Russian Delegates at Meeting

Wed. 8-11-48

By ALLISON DANZIG
Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

LONDON, Aug. 10—Disqualification of the American team that finished first in the 400-meter relay race on the final day of the Olympic track and field games in Wembley Stadium on Saturday officially was declared to have been in error today and the victory was awarded to the United States, raising its total of gold medals in men's track and field to eleven.

The corrective action, almost without parallel in the history of the Olympics, was taken by the Olympic Jury of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, headed by David Lord Burghley of Great Britain, after its members had viewed motion pictures of the race. Without exception they were convinced an injustice had been done, and the British officials and press generally accepted the verdict in a spirit of good sportsmanship and without rancor despite the fact it deprived Britain of the only victory credited to her athletes in track and field.

The American team was disqualified on the ground that passing of the baton between the first and second runners—Barney Ewell of Lancaster, Pa., and Lorenzo Wright of Wayne University, Detroit—had not been completed legally within the specified zone of exchange. The Americans won the race by a big margin as Harrison Dillard of Baldwin-Wallace College, Ohio, and Mel Patton of the University of Southern California ran the third and fourth legs. Britain finished second, Italy third, Hungary fourth, Canada fifth and the Netherlands sixth.

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Ewell Gets a Gold Medal

There was a short delay after the conclusion of the race and then announcement was made over the loudspeaker system that Britain was the winner and the United States had been disqualified. The American runners, particularly Ewell, who had finished second in both the 100 and 200 meter dashes and now at the age of 30 gets his gold medal, were dumbfounded and heartsick over the decision.

They were positive they had exchanged the stick properly within the prescribed zone. They were supported, too, by Dean Cromwell, American track and field coach, and a protest was filed, accompanied by the required pound sterling fee.

For several days there had been talk that films of the race taken by the J. Arthur Rank Studios would be viewed and a decision rendered as to the correctness of the decision by inspectors of the race who had found the Americans guilty of a violation. It was not until today, after persistent efforts by Harold Conrad, who is handling the American version of the films for Eagle Lion, that the showing was set up.

Early this morning members of the jury saw the films in slow motion at a private showing. A separate screening was held for the press this afternoon:

Announcement by Jury

Then the following announcement was issued in behalf of the jury:

"The jury of the International Amateur Athletic Federation have seen the film and photographs of the 400-meter relay of the Olympic Games, are satisfied that an error was made and the placing has been revised as follows: 1, United States; 2, Great Britain; 3, Italy."

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Lord Burghley, who also is chairman of the British Organizing Committee, said: "There is no doubt about it. The Americans were inside their lane. We are only too happy to have had the opportunity of putting the matter right."

Newspaper men who viewed the film were equally convinced that the disqualification had been in error. American correspondents were a little more positive in their belief than some of their British colleagues, though none of the latter was heard to raise any doubt as to the legality of the exchange of the baton.

As it looked to this observer of the films, Wright, our second man, had possession of the baton and was running alone with it at least two steps before he reached the line marking the limit of the exchange zone. Some put it at three or four steps. There is no doubt, though, that he was well within the line.

Error Attributed to Confusion

The name of the British judge who called the violation was not revealed. It is believed he became confused and mistook a middle line defining the 100-meter mark of the race for the line denoting the limit of the changeover zone. Zone lines are marked at 90 and 110 meters.

The action of the jury, which makes it necessary to call back the medals for the relay and redistribute them properly for the new order of finish in a special victory ceremony, with the British turning over their prized plaques to the Americans, led to expressions of appreciation and high praise for the sportsmanship of the Britons by United States officials.

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The Point Score

Times

LONDON, Aug. 10 (AP)—In the slowest competitive day of the Olympic games the United States added 28 points to its huge total—18 in weightlifting and 10 when the appeal jury ruled it had won Saturday's 400-meter relay.

The Americans now have 524 points in their race for the unofficial team championship, more than a two-to-one margin over the runnerup Swedish team. The Swedes have 253½.

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Team championships are not recognized by the Olympic officials but this table is compiled by awarding 10 points to each first place winner, five for second, four for third, and so on down to one for sixth.

New York, N.Y.

The team scores:

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	a	b	c	d	e	f	g
U. S.	459½	24	0	0	7	33½	524
Sweden	239½	0	0	0	14	0	253½
France	123	0	4	10	10	2	149
Italy	70	23	14	15	0	0	122
Hungary	116	4	0	0	0	0	120
Great Britain	68	25	0	9	0	9	111
Turkey	88	0	0	0	0	0	88
Denmark	59	24	0	4	0	0	87
Netherlands	86	0	0	0	0	0	86
Australia	71	10	0	3	0	0	84
Finland	70½	0	0	0	0	0	70½
Switzerland	41	10	5	0	10	0	66
Norway	33	4	0	0	0	0	37
Egypt	9	0	0	0	0	28	37
Argentina	31½	0	0	0	0	0	31½
Austria	31	0	0	0	0	0	31
Jamaica	29	0	0	0	0	0	29
Belgium	25	0	2	0	0	0	27
Czechosl'kia	21	0	0	0	0	0	21
Canada	14	0	0	0	0	4	18
Peru	13½	0	0	0	0	0	13½
Uruguay	0	9	0	3	0	0	12
Yugoslavia	12	0	0	0	0	0	12
Korea	0	0	0	0	0	11	11
Mexico	9½	0	0	0	0	0	9½
Panama	8	0	0	0	0	0	8
Iran	0	0	0	0	0	6	6
Poland	6	0	0	0	0	0	6
South Africa	6	0	0	0	0	0	6
Brazil	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Ceylon	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Trinidad	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
Portugal	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Philippines	0	0	0	0	0	1½	1½
Spain	1	0	0	0	0	0	1

aPrevious total. bRowing. cFencing. dCycling eEsquestrian. fWeightlifting. gTotal points.

WHITFIELD BREAKS 800-METER RECORD

New York Times

Tues. 8-3-48

American's 1:49.2 Clips Time for Games—Wint, Jamaica, 2d, Hansenne, France, 3d

New York, N.Y.

BELGIAN AND ITALIAN STAR

Reiff Cuts 5,000 Figures and Consolini Sets Discus Mark —Vault to Smith of U. S.

By ALLISON DANZIG
Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

LONDON, Aug. 2—Malvin G. Whitfield stepped up on the pedestal with the great Negro Olympians today as the United States won two more gold medals in track and field for a total of five thus far in the games of the XIV Olympiad.

Before another sellout crowd of 83,000 in Wembley Stadium, the 23-year-old Air Force staff sergeant from Ohio State University ran the fastest 800 meters of his life on a muddy track wet from drizzling rain to defeat the world's crack half-milers and set a new Olympic record of 1:49.2.

Arthur Wint, giant Negro from Jamaica with a nine-foot stride, also broke the old mark, established by Tom Hampson of Great Britain at Los Angeles in 1932, in finishing two yards behind Whitfield in 1:49.5 and Marcel Hansenne of France equaled it in getting home third, ahead of Herbert Barten of Michigan in 1:49.8.

Pools Form on Track

Considering the condition of the track, it was a remarkable effort on the part of all three men and is indicative of the performance that Whitfield turned in. The athletes had to contend with these conditions most of the afternoon. In fact, when the 5,000-meter final was run they were much worse, with rain falling steadily and forming in pools on the track.

In this kind of going and with their shirts and trunks black from the mud they kicked up as they splashed through the puddles, Gaston Reiff of Belgium scored a sensational victory over the amazing Emil Zatopek of Czechoslovakia and both men broke the Olympic record.

By the thin margin of two-tenths of a second, Zatopek, who had won the 10,000-meter run on Friday in record-breaking time. failed in his effort to score the firtsst Olympic double at these two distances since 1912. The 26-year-old Czech Army lieutenant gave the crowd another tremendous thrill as he came from far back with three-quarters of a lap to go to pass Willi Slijkhuis of Holland in second place and then cut down rapidly on the small, bald-headed Reiff

Tues 8-3-4

O'SHIELDS REVIEWS:

Baltimore, Md. Sat.

Fate of Our Girls in 1936 Olympic Games

The Afro-American 7-17-48

AT SEA ABOARD THE MARINE SHARK (ANP) — When I reported to the Olympic committee headquarters in New York for my credentials, I was handeded, along with my identity card, some Olympic stickers and baggage tags to tie and paste on my baggage.

According to Mr. Lennon, one the Olympic committee assistants, those stickers and tags containing the Olympic Shield would help me

in England. They might help me in England, but here on the ship those stickers have been a signal for many passengers to ask difficult questions about the past and coming Olympics.

Just this morning a German woman stopped me and inquired about the two colored track girls who competed in Berlin in the 1936 Olympic Games. She later told me she had seen the last games in Berlin, and those two girls had impressed her.

Up on Information

A question such as that asked by the woman could have been embarrassing to a person who was supposed to know. It so happened that I had just looked through my track-folder the day before and remembered a few things about those two young women.

Sat.

Do you know who those two girls were who represented the U.S. in the last Olympics? Then the bit of information I have might be of interest to you.

They were Tidye Pickett, the star 80-meter hurdler from Chicago District Playrounds, and Louise Stokes, the 100-meter sprinter from Malden, Mass.

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Not Chosen, But Went

According to the information I was able to get, both of the girls were good in their specialties, but not quite good enough to be chosen on the team which was sailing to Germany with all their expenses paid by the Olympic committee.

Pickett and Stokes's backers were not satisfied that those two young women weren't good enough to place in the Olympic finals in Berlin. So by different methods those disbelievers raised sufficient funds to send the girls along with the Olympic team to Berlin.

I was told about the mad scramble one of the girls had in order to make the boat just before sailing time. It seems to have been rather embarrassing to the Olympic committee, because many of the people who heard about the incident got the wrong information.

The Afro-American

Jinx Trailed Pickett

Miss Pickett had very bad luck in her Olympic venture. She fell after hitting the second hurdle during the 80-meter hurdle trials and hurt her shoulder. She was eliminated.

Baltimore Md.

Miss Stokes did not place in the 100 meters. In fact, many men would have had trouble placing in that 11.5 seconds 100 meters which Helen Stephens streaked through to win. Incidentally, the 100-meter championship was one of the few championships our woman's Olympic track team was able to win in 1936.

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FONVILLE SHUT OUT

The Times

Shot-Put Ace Unable to Make Olympic Team in Evanston Upset

Newark, N. J.

DILLARD FAILS IN HURDLES

Whitfield Takes the 400 and 800 at Final U. S. Trials—Patton Defeats Ewell

Times 7-11-48

By JOSEPH M. SHEEHAN

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

EVANSTON, Ill., July 10—America's athletes threw down the gauntlet to the rest of the world with a series of tremendous performances in the final tryouts for the United States Olympic track and field team which concluded today before an enthralled crowd of 25,000 at Northwestern University's Dyche Stadium.

Upsets and form reversals, including the elimination of two "certain' 'Olympic champions, marked the swift-paced show. Mal Whitfield, the long-striding Army sergeant who runs for Ohio State in collegiate competition, scored two smashing triumphs, taking both the 400 and 800 meter events.

Larger than the fate of any individuals, however, loomed the fact that the sixty-five men who will wear the United States shield at London constitute the strongest Olympie squad this country has ever mustered.

The sizzling competition, in muggy 90-degree heat today, for the last thirty-four of the fifty-three Olympic berths decided here, saw seven of the times, heights or distances that stand as Olympic marks surpassed and another equaled.

Greatest on His Record

The Times

In a development that left the onlookers completely stunned, Harrison Dillard, the greatest hurdler in the world on his record of the last three years, failed to make the boat in his specialty, the 110-meter high hurdles.

The Baldwin-Wallace flash, who set a world record of 0:13.6 for the 120-yard highs this spring, came all apart in the final after winning his heat. Usually a flawless fencer, he hit the second, fourth, sixth and seventh barriers and, as a result, was knocked so far off rhythm that he pulled up short at the eighth hurdle and did not even finish the race.

Newark, N. J.

Third in the 100-meter dash yesterday, Dillard will be a competitor at London, but this now is a rather hollow accomplishment. He must now deeply regret his decision to attempt an unprecedented double.

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Other U.S.

The Call

Athletes Also Score

Kansas City, Mo.

Fri. 8-6-48

Barney Ewell Is Second in Race; Lloyd LaBeach 3rd

By DAVIS J. WALSH

International News Service
Sports Writer

LONDON — (INS) — Harrison Dillard, a frustrated hurdler who entered the sprint as insurance, won the Olympic 100 meter dash in record-equalling time Saturday.

The former Baldwin-Wallace hurdler was timed in 10.3 seconds as he sliced the tape on Wembley Stadium's red cinder track, ahead of another American, Barney Ewell.

American athletes broke into an orgy of point scoring in the second day of Olympic competition as the aggregation of U. S. athletes began to roll.

Minutes before the skinny converted hurdler crashed through to victory in the "fastest human" test another American, Roy Cochran, won the 400 meter hurdles and set a new Olympic record.

Barney Ewell, the 31-year-old former Penn Stater and the third American to speed through yesterday's two qualifying rounds, finished second to Dillard.

Third place in Dillard's heat went to Alistair McCorquodale, the young Scot competing for Britain.

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Ewell equalled Dillard's time and the Scot was timed in 10:7.

Trailing the fragile-legged Patton was Lloyd Labeach, the American-trained sprinter who comprises Panama's Olympic team, who registered 10.5.

Dillard's victory came as a real American one-two punch within five minutes of Cochran's victory which sent the stars and stripes to the top of the Wembley stadium pole.

It sent the Americans into the the track and field point leadership without ado.

It was once a stunning surprise and a poetic one as Dillard—the world's leading hurdler—barely made the American team and was brought along as a sort of supernumenary to Ewell and Patton.

As in his three previous heats he broke beautifully with the starter's gun. He outfooted all opposition and was so sure he won that he congratulated himself.

Slowing down 20 yards beyond the tape, Dillard flung both hands high in a gesture of exaltation, threw back his head and shouted, "Ah, Boy!"

Fri.

These words, caught by the few officials nearby, were instantly lost in the roar of the crowd.

Dillard—frequently termed the "Hummingbird Hurdler" because of his speed and grace—then spotted the dejected old Penn Stater Barney Ewell, who finished second.

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He rushed at the 31-year-old Ewell to embrace him. Barney didn't get the point immediately but roused himself to offer congratulations. The two Negro stars returned to the finish line in mutual embrace.

The officials meanwhile had made no official decision on the victors. Nevertheless Dillard made a return to the starting line in triumphal progress, waving to the cheering stands and shaking hands with all he met on the field.

Ewell was timed in 10:4 seconds, a tenth of a second off Dillard's record-equalling pace.

Lloyd Labeach, an American-trained sprinter representing Panama in a one-man team, finished third. He seemed faster than his official time of 10.6.

The Call

Alistair McCorquodale, a young Scot competing for Britain, finished fourth, Patton fifth and McDonald Bailey, a Trinidad Negro on Britain's team, was sixth.

Patton was caught flat-footed by the gun, got away last in the finals field of six, but managed to outleg Bailey for fifth.

Kansas City Mo.

The Americans Cochran and Dillard climbed to the traditional victor's pedestal within two minutes of each other.

A REAL PARADOX

Defender

Here's an interesting paradox. Two of the world's outstanding Negro foreign-born athletes who have created a sensation in America during recent months, will compete in the 1948 Olympic Games, under colors of the countries WHERE THEY WERE NOT BORN.

Lloyd LaBeach, who broke the world 100-dash record and is a contender for the broad jump title, was born in the British West Indies. He is now a citizen of Panama and was recently decorated by that country's president for his athletic prowess and for HIS GENTLEMANLY CONDUCT ON THE FIELD AND AT HOME. He will compete in the Olympics for the REPUBLIC OF PANAMA.

Chicago Ill.

Herb McKenley, holder of the World's championship in the 400-yard dash and who recently established a new world's record in the 440-meter race at Milwaukee, Wis., is a NATIVE OF PANAMA, but a resident of the British West Indies. He will represent THE WEST INDIES IN THE OLYMPIC GAMES.

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All of which shows that with modern speedy transportation and the super-charged jet plane—it's a small world after all—and ability and talent will find RECOGNITION, NO MATTER WHAT THE COUNTRY OF ITS ORIGIN.

Getting Out the Limps for the Olympics

The Afro American Baltimore, Md.
Sat. 7-31-48

Four of Uncle Sam's hopefuls in the coming Olympic Games work out on deck of the S. S. America just prior to docking in London. Under the watchful eyes of Coach Dean Cromwell, left, the quartet kicks out the kinks in their leg muscles. They're, left to right: Mal Whitfield, Ohio State 400-meter and 800-meter ace; Barney Ewell, Lancaster, Pa., 100 and 200-meter star; Harrison Dillard, Baldwin-Wallace, 100-meters, and Mel Patton, white, Southern California 100 and 200-meter luminary. Trio on right will form three-fourths of the 400-meter relay team. Other member, Ed Conwell, Palmyra, N.J., was resting a slight muscle twinge at time photo was taken.

America's 26 Sepia Entries Face Task In Upholding '36 Showing

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Haiti, Cuba, Trinidad, Other Countries Have Entries Who Will Test America's Many Hopefuls

Norfolk, Va.

By RUSS J. COWANS

NNPA Correspondent

LONDON, England — Colored athletes are expected to play an important part in the 14th Olympiad which starts here July 29, continuing through August 14.

There are 26 colored athletes among the more than 300 who will be wearing the colors of the United States—eight men and nine women on the track and field teams, seven boxers, one member of the basketball squad, one weight lifter, and one trainer.

This is only a small portion of the colored athletes who will compete in the spectacle. Brazil has sent a large number of colored athletes. Jamaica has a strong team, including the inimitable Herb McKenley, holder of the world record for the 400 meters. Haiti, Cuba, Panama, Trinidad, British Guiana, French Guiana, Egypt, and others are heavy in numbers of colored athletes.

TOOK 6 OF 12

In the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, Negro athletes captured six of the 12 crowns won by the United States team, with Jesse Owens, Ohio State sprinter, as the outstanding figure of the games. Owens competed in three individual events and was a member of the winning relay team. He captured the 100-meters, 200-meters and running broad jump, setting a new Olympic record of 26 feet 5⅜ inches in the latter.

Henry Norwood (Barney) Ewell, 31-year-old sprinter from Lancaster, Pa., and Malvin G. Whitfield, U. S. Army Air Corp, are the only two who have an opportunity to win two crowns—Ewell in the 100 and 200-meters, and Whitfield, in the 400 and 800 meters.

CAN HE DO IT

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At Jxbridge, where the visiting teams are training for the Games, the question often discussed is whether Ewell can reassert his supremacy over Charlie Patton, in the 100-meters, as he did in the final tryouts in Chicago, or will the Southern California bolt of lightning capture the Olympic crown. 7-31-48

However, many of the experts are picking Lloyd LaBeach, the Panamanian who formerly attended the University of Wisconsin. Others who watched Harrison Dillard, Baldwin Wallace College star who failed to win a berth in his favorite event—the 110 high hurdles—are pointing out that Dillard has the speed, gets away fast, and can devote his entire time to the sprints now.

BRAZIL'S SPRINTERS

Brazil has four top sprinters in Ivan Zanoni, Aroldo Pereira, Helio Coutimha, and Alexandre Pereira. Zanoni and Aroldo Pereira have turned in :10.6 seconds for the 100-meters, and either may prove a serious threat in determining the winner.

Head Coach Dean Cromwell of the U. S. track and field squad picks Patton to win both the 100 and 200-meters run. In speaking of Patton, co-holder of the world record of :9.4 for the 100 yards, and applicant for a new mark of :9.3 on his performance at the Fresno Relays last May 15, Cromwell said: "I predict Melvin Emery Patton will win both the 100 and 200 meters. He has fully recovered from the leg injury, and should not have any difficulties."

In referring to the defeat of Patton by Ewell in the final tryouts, Cromwell opined that Ewell probably ran his best race that night and can not again equal the world mark of :10.2.

PICK HERBIE

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Experts here are selecting McKenley as the winner of the 400, although Arthur Wint, a teammate from Jamaica, who set a new British record Wednesday night in the 440 yards in a meet here, turning the distance in :47.4.

In the same meet E. McDonald Bailey, who was running with his left shoulder and armpit in plaster following a minor operation, turned in :09.7 for the 100 yards. John Treloar, the big Australian, was clocked in :09.8.

Jamaica has two others in the 400-meters who loom as serious contenders—Sidney Foster, a slender red head, and George Rhoden. Foster has a :46 to his credit, while Rhoden has done the distance in :47.2.

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HOW ABOUT WHITFIELD

Can Whitfield outstep this crop in the 400 meters? The concensus is that Whitfield has an excellent chance if he can keep near McKenley for the first 350 meters and then put on his big "kick" in the gruelling home stretch grind. Dave Bolen, Colorado, is also in this event.

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Coach Cromwell believes Willie Steele, San Diego Junior College, will establish a new world record in the running broad jump. In the final tryouts Steele leaped 26 feet 10 inches, but fouled by a quarter of an inch. Lorenzo Wright, Wayne University, Detroit, and Herb Douglass, University of Pittsburgh, are close behind. Geraldo de Oliveire, Brazil, has done better than 25 feet. 7-31-48

Brazil has a strong contender for the hop, step and jump title in Adhemar Silvia and de Oliveire.

HAS GOOD CHANCE

Experts believe Whitfield has a better than even chance to capture the 800 meters, providing the trials are not too close. While Whitfield is not a Johnny Woodruff, Coach Cromwell is convinced he will win.

The girls are Mabel Walker, Tuskegee; Audrey Patterson, Tennessee State, and Lillian Young, Chicago, in the 100 meters; Patterson, Nell Jackson, Tuskegee, and Mae Faggs, New York, 200 meters; Bernice Robinson, Chicago, and Theresa Manuel, Tuskegee, 80-meter hurdles; Emma Reed, Tennessee State, and Lillian Young, broad jump, and Miss Manuel in the javelin throw.

John Davis, New York, is the heavyweight weight lifter for the United States.

Negro Girls Lose In Olympic Trials

The Call

LONDON.—(INS)— Kansas City All three American girls were shut out Saturday in trial heats for the hundred meter dash championship in the Olympic games. Mo.

They finished third in their respective heats. Fri.

Lillian Young, of Chicago, closed with a burst of speed but was nosed out at the tape by Miss D. M. Batter of England, and Miss K. M. Russell, of Jamaica. The time of the heat was 12.6. 8-6-48

Audrey Patterson, of Nashville, was badly out-footed in her heat by Miss Lovso Nielsen, of Denmark, and Miss W. S. Jordan, of England. The time again was 12.6.

Mabel Walker of Tuskegee Institute, was well back of the 12.1 winning time shared by Miss C. A. Thompson, of Jamaica, and Miss D. Robb, of South Africa.

Three Negroes to cover Olympics

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Los Angeles, Calif.

NEW YORK—William O'Shields will be among 60 U. S. press representatives allotted space to cover the Olympic Games in London July 29-Aug. 14, according to George Gardner of the U. S. Olympic Committee. O'Shields will be the Associated Negro Press representative.

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Wendell Smith, Chicago Herald-American and Pittsburgh (Pa.) Courier, and P. Bernard Young, Jr., National Negro Press Association and the Norfolk (Va.) Journal and Guide, are among the correspondents who have also been allotted space.

Alice Coachman Wins

Alice Coachman of Albany, Ga., a 24-year-old graduate of Tuskegee Institute, brought the firs track and field victory to the American women's team after a week of disappointments when, at the very end of the final day's program, she won the high jump with an Olympic record leap of 5 feet 6⅛ inches.

Dorothy Tyler of the Great Britain gave the Georgia girl an awful tussle as most of the great crowd remained into the gloaming to watch them fight it out. Each of them finally got over at the winning height, but the American took one less jump to do it, and therein lay her victory. 8-5-48

Four Dutch girls, anchored by the indomitable Mrs. Fannie Blankerskoen, captured the women's 400-meter relay by less that a foot over a quartet of flying australians. The winners' time was 47.5 seconds.

Birmingham, Ala.

ANN TO WED

OLYMPIC STADIUM, Wembley, Aug. 7—(AP)—Miss Ann Curtis announced her retirement from competition and her plans to get married several months hence to Gordon Cuneo of San Francisco, a basketball-playing former schoolmate at the University of California. [illegible]

Mrs. Vicki Draves, the double-crowned diving champion, was being showered with professional offers. Her husband, Lyle Draves, said none had been accepted.

Racial Bias Charge Leveled Against Olympic Track Coach

Atlanta Daily World

Atlanta

NEW YORK—(NNPA)—With colored athletes primping for the Olympic Games and the hopes of the United States riding high on their anticipated performances, "Salute," a natoinal magazine, last Friday directed attention to changes of race and religious bias levelled against Dean Cromwell, coach of the United States Olympic team.

The July issue of the magazine quotes Cromwell as having stated to Jesse Abrahamson, track and field writer for the New York Herald Tribune, that "We should not have Negroes on our team; they discredit our country." Fri. 6-18-48

Abrahamson, said last Friday that the quotation was substantially correct. As he recalled the statement made to him during the 1936 Olympic Games, Cromwell actually said: "The Negro athlete is a ruination of track in America."

The magazine article also charged that Cromwell signed a racial restrictive covenant in 1943 to keep colored people out of his neighborhood in Los Angeles. He was quoted as saying that "If I went to Tokyo or some other place like that and it was made plain to me that I wasn't wanted in a certain neighborhood, I certainly wouldn't try to force my way in."

The article pointed out that Cromwell, who has coached more world record holders, and whose teams have won more titles, than any other college coach, has had only a "handful" of colored athletes in his teams in his thirty-nine years of coaching. The last colored athlete ran for him in 1930 at the University of Southern California, the article stated. 6-18-48

Cromwell's critics, the article asserts, argue that since colored athletes have dominated track for two decades, it is "unthinkable" to allow Cromwell to coach the Olympic team.

"More important than this, however, in 1948, the U. S. is more conscious of race bias than ever before," the article stated. "And to send a U. S. team representing the best of democracy — into international competition with a bigot at the helm would be a major tactical error."

Jesse Owens, holder of two Olympic Games' records (the 200-meter run and the broad jump, established in Berlin in 1936), was quoted in the article as stating that he had been "knocked" by a statement made by Cromwell in 1936 that he, Owens, "was rendered an ovation by the Germans, although there is not a single colored person in Germany today. They all have left for some reason or other.

Eulace Peacock, the sprinter, was quoted as saying that he did not "think a man who said such things is the right one for the job."

Joe Yancey, coach of the New York Pioneer A. C., Said he thought Emil von Elling, New York University track coach, "should have gotten the position. He has shown himself to be a friend of athletes regardles of their race or color." 6-18-48

The article, however, points out that Cromwell's first Olympic team had on it Howard Drew, a sprinter, and that in 1925 Cromwell had taken his entire team out of a Philadelphia hotel because management would not serve Brice Taylor. Taylor has written California newspapers supporting Cromwell.

According to the article, Cromwell admits having made some remarks about colored athletes in 1936 but said they were made in "a jovial vein" and look differently in print.

He recalls having said, "We have a great bunch of Negro athletes in Los Angeles schools. They're so fast and they're coming in such droves they're running the rest of the competition ragged."

Colored athletes are regarded as certain to be powerful factors in the twelfth revival of the Olympic Games, although not all of them will be competing in United States colors. 6-18-48

Two athletes from Jamaica are a major threat to the long-time Olympic spring monopoly of the United States. Results have indi-

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Chas. Fonville Handicapped By Injury To Back

Defender

Chicago, Ill.

Dillard Fails In Hurdles But Will Run In Dashes

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PHOTOS AND STORY ON SPORTS PAGES

Mal Whitfield, representing the United States Army Air Forces, will represent the United States in the 400-meters and the 800-meters races in the Olympic games in London. Whitfield won both races in the finals for the Olympic team berths at Dyche Stadium, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., Saturday, July 10.

Eight Negroes will represent the United States in the Olympic track and field championships.

Barney Ewell, Lancaster, Pa., will run in the 100-meters and on the 400-meters relay team as will Harrison Dillard of Baldwin-Wallace College of Ohio. Ed Conwell, former New York U. ace. will run on the 400-meters relay team. Dave Bolen, Colorado, will run in the 400-meters. 7-17-48

17-Year-Old Girl Cops for Olympic Berth

Daily Worker

New York, N.Y.

BROWN STADIUM, Providence, R.I., July 12 (UP) Audrey Patterson of Nashville, Tenn., streaked to victory in the 200 meter finals of the Women's Olympic track and field qualifying trials tonight, virtually assuring herself a place on the United States Olympic team.

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Breaking first at the gun, the smooth striding 17-year-old Negro student from Tennessee State College twho finished second in the Grand Rapids, Mich., led all the way around the Brown University Stadium strip to win going away in 25.3 seconds.

Second was Nell Jackson of Tuskegee Institute, almost five yards behind Miss Paterson and about the same distance in front of Mae Fagg

of New York City. Fourth was Janet Moreau of Pawtucket, R.I., fifth was Dorothy Klein of New York City and Gwendolyn Taylor of Tuskeege was last. 7-13-48

PRE-OLYMPIC OBSERVATION

By William O'Shields

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Olympic Village, Uxbridge, England - (ANP) - Hitler would yell like a stuck pig if he visited this Olympic village today. He would have a reason to say the 'black legion' is here in full force, because only colored people have arrived thus far.

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The Egyptians are here with a strong team in all sports; the Jamaicans have arrived with track stars and weight lifters; the Filipinos are here in large numbers; and the Koreans are very much in evidence. Sat.

Now you know why I say Hitler would really throw up his hands and conveniently make his off-balanced exit if he would by chance show up in the Olympic Village today. 7-31-48

The Egyptians are wondering when the English are going to heat up the water in the swimming pools. Some outspoken guy said "Wait until the Yanks come they will get it heated. If they don't they will be able to hear their gripes back in New York, and they will have to do something to quiet them."

The Filipinos seemed to have brought along mostly light clothing, and they do not look too comfortable in their tropic-white.

Food had been, and still is, a problem in England, but most of us can manage to get along on British rations.

Our tea isn't as sweet as we make it back home, and neither do we have to worry about leaving sugar in the bottom of our cereal bowls.

The different groups at the Olympic Village have had their own food worries: the Koreans are kicking about the rice. They say the polished rice, like we have in the United States and England, doesn't have the food value of the unpolished rice. One of the Korean lifters has lost almost a stone (14 pounds) since coming to England.

The Jamaicans are kicking because of the poorly seasoned food They are sorry they did not bring along a few "roots and herbs" to make the food more tasty

The English are wonderful teamakers, but I am sorry I cannot say the same about their coffee But something new has happened in the Olympic Village canteen; one can now get a good cup of coffee, as well as a good cup of tea. The cooks had to do something, because the coffee drinkers are here.

The 'sweets' we have been getting in the city village require a bit of imagination, but those we are getting in the Olympic Village are much like the ones we get in the States.

All eyes are turned toward the west, in hopes that the United States team will bring enough steaks, eggs, butter, and ham for everyone. Good Old Uncle Sam.

Join 5000 Athletes From 63 Countries

Daily World

Atlanta, Ga. Wed. 7-21-48

LONDON, England.—The United States track and field team arriving aboard the S .S. America will be given a tumultous welcome by British subjects as they join 5000 athletes from 63 nations here Wednesday.

All of the traditional pomp, pageantry and splendor that war-battered England can muster will be trotted out for these visitors, as an ultimate tribute to the durability of the Olympic games, which may have begun 15 centuries before Christ and which were exhumed in 1896 after a 1504 intermission, only to be held July 29 for the 14th time in modern history.

Some wearers of the red, white and bue insignia of the United States were learning for the first time that the word Olympic means roughly every four years and that World War II eliminated the twelfth and thirteenth games.

ABOARD S. S. AMERICA

These developments shaped up in the last hours aboard the S. S America:

(1) Avery Brundage branded as untrue the oft-told tale that Adolph Hitler snubbed Jesse Owens during the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin

(2) Avery Brundage has indicated he will step down as head of the United States Olympic Committee after heading the organization for 20 years.

(3) The Olympic Games have proved a sufficient draw to insure the financial success of the venture with about a $1,800,000 already in the till. More orders for tickets are still pouring in Sir Arthur Elvin, chairman and managing director of Wembley Stadium.

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Perhaps the biggest highlight of the trip was the announcement by Brundage that the story about Hitler refusing to shake hands with Owens after the speedster won the 100-meter dash at Berlin was "typical of the misrepresentations which lead to the charge that the Olympic Games promote international complications."

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"Hitler did not snub Jesse Owens and had he done so it would have had no significance whatsoever since he was only a spectator and had no more Olympic standing than any other spectator in the stadium."

ON OLYMPIC SOIL

Brundage said this was pointed out to Hitler himself before the games began. It was feared that the Nazi party might try to take over as their own so Count Baillet-Latour of the Committee told Hitler, "when the Olympic flag is raised over the stadium it becomes sacred Olympic soil."

Reports from Berlin during the games reported Hitler fled the field after Owens' victory rather than honor Owens.

Brundage insisted that incidents "blown up out of proportion" as the Hitler story, give an unfair reputation to the Olympics. He said "The true story of the Olympic movement is a record of achievement, of accomplishment, and of success."

FINANCIAL SUCCESS

On the financial plight of the Olympic Games, the money seems assured. According to estimates, the cost of running the games will be 400,000 pounds. It is hoped the total receipts grossed will total 700,000 pounds. Reports that the Olympics "would be the flop of the century because of the return of tickets from America, was unfounded since the British public is rushing to obtain seats.

Daily World

All athletes arriving in London have been given tags and stickers by Asa Bushnell, secretary of the U. S. Committee along with a copy of Bill Henry's History of the Olympic Games.

Meanwhile In Bari, Italy, the Olympic Torch was handed to Cadet Mario De Cesari of the Italian Army, who will carry it on the first lap of the Olympic torch run through his native country, from Bari to Chiasso and Switzerland, to London, England, where the King and Queen will open the games next week.

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The flame was kindled from the reflections of the sun rays.

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Symbolically, the British have installed an unquenchable gas "Olympic torch" at Wembley Stadium, scene of Olympic track and field events, soccer, swimming, boxing and other main events. The portable torches which runners will carry in relays from Mount Illympus to London are equally unextinguishable.

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American athletes have been given the words of a relentless French dreamer named Baron Pierre De Courertin to read since he fathered the modern Olympics.

"The important thing in the Olympic games is not to win but to take part. The important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle. The essential thing is not to have conquered but to have fought well. To spread these precepts is to build up a stronger and more valiant and above all more scrupulous and more generous humanity."

Zatopek, Czech Runner, To Seek Olympic Double

Herald Tribune New York

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Europe's Star Hopes to Duplicate Kolehmainen's Feat in 5,000 and 10,000-Meter Races; Athletes Welcome Hot Weather; Stanich Jumps 6 Ft. 9 In.

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By Jesse Abramson

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LONDON, July 26.—The Royal Air Force track at Uxbridge, where the United States athletes resumed intensive workouts today, became an international community in the best Olympic tradition as South Americans, Alghanistans, Jamai-Africans, Afghanistans, Jamaicans, the Panama one-man team (Lloyd Lebach), other British colonials, Yugoslavians, Canadians, Filipinos, Turks, Koreans and nationals from around the globe worked out. They made a colorful picture in their assorted uniforms.

The influx of Europeans enabled the Americans to get some facts about their opposition not officially announced. Some English-speaking Yugoslavs brought word that Emil Zatopek, the Czech distance running phenomenon, will definitely try for the Olympic double in the 5,000 and 10,000 meters.

No one since Hannes Kolehmainen, of Finland, who performed the feat in Stockholm in 1912, has won both the "five" and "ten." The immortal Paavo Nurmi won the "five" and "ten" in different Olympics. He also won the 10,000-meter cross-country in Paris in 1924, along with the 5,000 meters, 1,500 meters and a 3,000-meter team race.

May Be Nurmi of Games

Herald Tribune

Zatopek may be the Nurmi of the London Olympics, opening this week. My Yugoslav informants say he is beyond competition in both races. Last year Zatopek raced 5,000 meters in 14.08, second only to Gunder Hagg's world record. This year the Czech is credited with 14:10, the fastest time of the year by nearly four seconds. He has not run 10,000 meters this year.

New York N.Y.

An Army lieutenant of twenty-five, Zatopek first impressed himself on American consciousness when he cycled with some travail through Russian lines to compete in an inter-allied meet in Berlin's Olympic Stadium two years ago.

He can be compared perhaps to Nurmi in ability on his record, but in running style he is the antithesis of the bounding Finn.

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Zatopek is short and chunky and he is litterly lacking in grace, as it is measured on the track. But he will be the man of the hour in the distances. The mid-Europeans believe that in the 10,000-meters he will run away and hide from Viljo Heino, the Finn, who set the world record of 29:35, four years ago. Heino got into a jam last year with the Finnish A. A. U., but he has been cleared for Olympic competition.

U. S. Runners Outclassed

Our own 10,000-meter runners do not belong on the same track with such as Zatopek and Heino. In the 5,000-meters American coaches are hopeful Curtis Stone, of State College (Pa.), will run beyond anything he has shown back home. Secretly, they hope he will do what Radph Hill did in 1932—stun the track world by racing a Finn, Lauri Lehtinen, to the tape.

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Heino will run the marathon as well as the 10.00-meters, the railbirds say. The 10,000 is scheduled Friday, the first day of track competition, and the marathon comes on the closing day, Aug. 7.

The temperatures climbed into the mid eighties today breaking yesterday's record high for the year. The heat was welcomed by the Americans. Many of them, including Mal Whitfield, of Ohio State, our No. 1 400 and 800-meter runner; Don Gehrman, of Wisconsin, our leading 1,500-meter entery, among others, have been bothered by head colds and sore throats, due to a combination of training in ocean breezes and the S. S. America and the variable weather upon their arrival, the colds are clearing up, thanks to the burning sun.

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Stanich Jumps 6.9

The top workout among many seen today was a six-foot nine-inch jump by George Stanich, of U. C. L. A. This twenty-year-old youngster never went over 6.6 until the final tryouts, when he cleared 6.8¼, tying Rice's Verne McGrew at that height, the world's best in many years. Stanich, satisfied, will jump no more until he goes to taw in the Olympics Friday. He is hoping for a hard-packed take-off, yet he made his great jump today from a rather soft take-off. "I heard they were soaking it down and I rushed out to get in my jump," said Stanich, who is a baseball pitcher with big league hopes and a basketball star besides.

Arthur Wint, the huge Jamaican, who will run both the 400 and 800, whirled 600 yards in 1:09, which is better than the listed record, beating Herbert McKenley, his countryman, clocked in 1:10. Cliff Bourland, balding U. S. C. veteran, reeled off 300 yards in thirty flat, leaving Berney Ewell in his wake. Harrison Dillard beat Ewell, too, in a sixty-yard sprint. Whitfield ran 660 yards in 1:20, fast going.

The 400-meter relay runners practiced baton-passing for the first time. One string consisted of Ewell, Eddie Conwell and Lorenzo Wright; another had Dillard, Bourland and Mel Patton passing in that order.

Herald Tribune

Need Starter's Pistol

Sprinters, from scads of countries took practice starts, but were seriously handicapped by the absence of a firearm. This is the Olympics, mind you, and the top sprinters are practising starts on a signal given by a coach pounding a roller with a hammer. It seems a regulation could be suspended to let in one small cap pistol, with or without Jack Lavelle.

New York, N.Y.

On the debit side, Willie Steele, of San Diego, the only twenty-six foot broad jumper in circulation, rested a muscle strain above his right knee, suffered in Saturday practice. He doesn't work every day, and made light of the injury. Hereb Douglas, of Pitt, also strained his leg muscle jumping, but these seem to be the usual jumpers' complaints. The competition may come from Thompson, of British Guiana, credited with a 25-foot 9-inch leap this year.

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Ernie Shore, South African captain, who has won his national 440 fourteen straight years, turned up with a winged foot on his shirt which Glen Cunningham gave him on his visit to the United States in 1937.

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The vaulting poles the Japanese sent as a gift to the Americans at Evanston were, through an error, not forwarded here. A trans-Atlantic telephone call to Frank Hill, northwestern coach, started the poles here via American overseas airlines. The vaulters need the Jap poles. And Irving Monschein is waiting for a special pair of spoked shoes from New York for his decathlon stint.

Howard University Freshman Wins Position On Olympic Boxing Team

New York Age

Sat. 7-17-48

WASHINGTON, D. C. — A Howard University freshman student who never participated in official boxing matches before matriculating at the university last year, has battled his way to a birth on the U. S. Olympic Boxing Team to represent the United States at the Olympic games in England this summer.

The hard-hitting collegiate pugilist who has been blazing a magnificent trail across the boxing horizon during the past year, is 23-year-old Norvell Lee, army veteran and a native of Covington, Virginia.

New York Age

Lee, who is majoring in electrical engineering at Howard, began his boxing career in CIAA circles last year, and won each of his fights, except the CIAA Championship, which he lost to Louis "Bruiser" Duncan, of Union University, on a split decision.

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When asked why he decided to try out for the Olympic team, Lee replied, "I saw where some fellows were trying out for the Olympic team, so I just decided I would like to try out for same and did so."

New York, N.Y.

His first fight in the Olympic tryouts, held in Washington's Griffith Stadium, was with Eddie Grant, 1948 AAU Boxing Champion for Washington. Lee won the decision. Next, he was sent to Philadelphia to fight in the Regional Olympic Tryouts, held May 24 and 25th.

New York, N.Y.

Return Bout With Duncan

Imagine Lee's amazement when he discovered that his first opponent in the Regional Tryouts was Louis "Bruiser" Duncan, of Union University, who had defeated him for the CIAA Heavyweight Championship! For Lee, this was a revenge fight. He worked himself into a fistic fury and unleased a barrage of blows which catapulted him into the spotlight of victory.

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Having disposed of Duncan in the semi-finals, Lee tackled Earl Matthews, Diamond Belt Philadelphia Inquirer Heavyweight Champion for the finals. At the end of three rounds, Matthews represented a carbon copy of the Duncan story.

New York, N.Y.

Wearing his victories with majestic splendor, Lee departed for the Final Tryout in Boston, Mass., where the cream of the fistic crops from every section of the United States would meet and battle for individual supremacy and amateur boxing's most fabulous prizes.

At the National Olympic Tryouts, Lee met Charles Black, midwest Olympic Champion from Houston Texas, in his first bout, and sent him sprawling on the rosined canvas for the full count in the second round.

New York Age

Defeats National AAU Champ

On his second lap in the Final Tryouts, Lee was scheduled to fight a man whose titles were awe-inspiring. His opponent was Coley Wallace, of New York University, National AAU Heavyweight Champion and National Golden Gloves Champion. After being on both the receiving and dishing out end of a blistering blitz, Lee emerged victorious.

New York, N.Y.

He knew then that he would sail to England as a member of the Olympic team regardless of the outcome of his final fight, for the winner and runner-up in each final fight automatically become members of the team.

In his final fight, with Jay Lambers, Lee lost a three-round split-decision bout. When asked which of his numerous opponents gave him the most difficulty, Lee picked Earl Matthews, the Philadelphia Inquirer's pride and joy.

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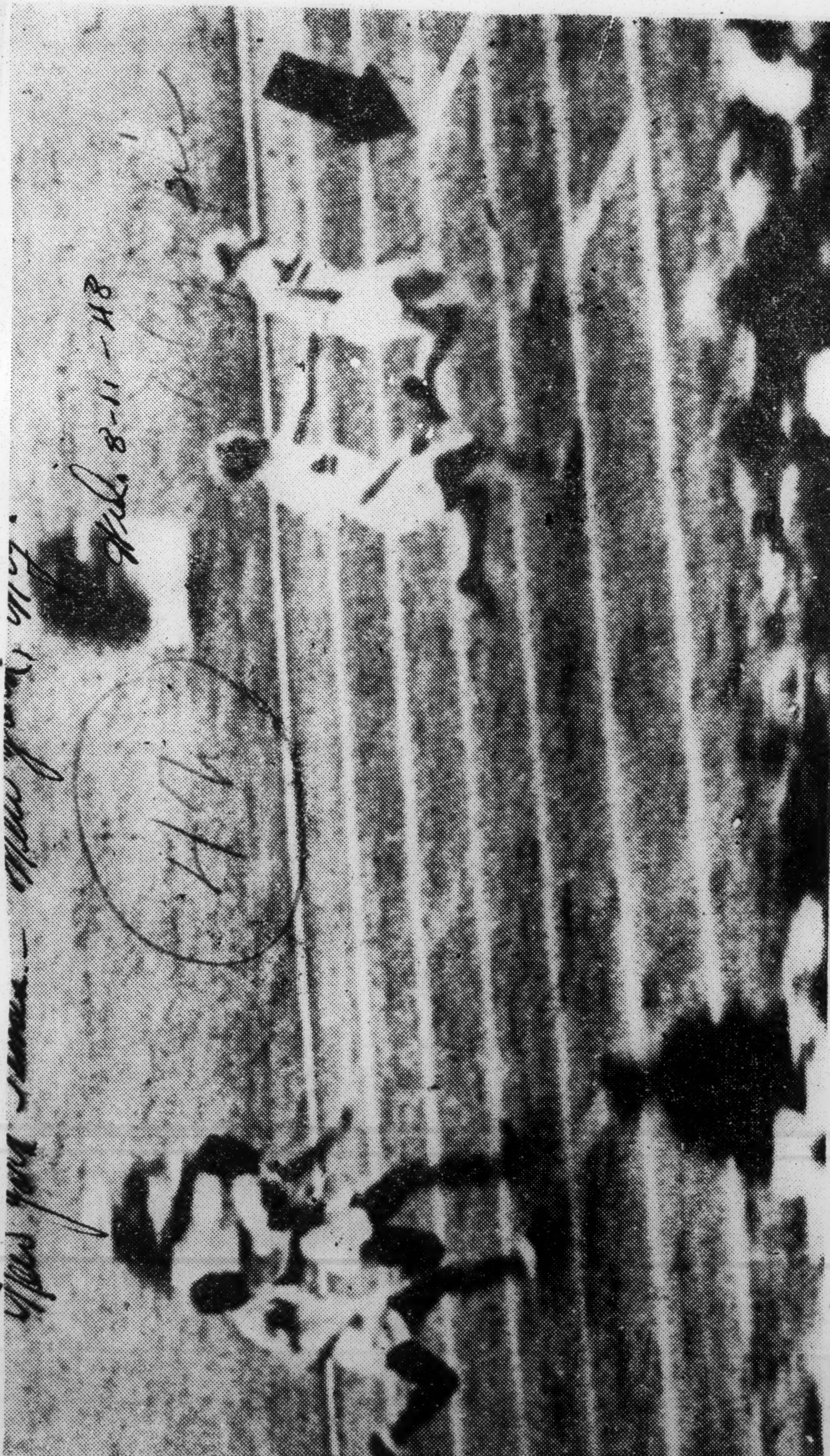
Lee left for England, July 14th, on the SS AMERICA with a 16-man Olympic team.

U. S. Runners Get First Place in 400-Meter Event When Pictures Show Legitimate Passing of Baton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Official motion picture showing Barney Ewell (extreme left) handing the baton to Lorenzo Wright to start the second lap of the race. Arrow indicates the white line marking the end of the changeover box in the American team's lane and across which the judge (squatting in center) ruled the passing took place. In the center Alastair McCorquodale of the British team is passing to J. A. Gregory.

Jesse Owens Sees Us Olympic Winners

Daily Worker
New York N.Y.

Jesse Owens will be at the Olympic Games this summer, but as a spectator, not a defending champion. The man who set four world records one afternoon at a college meet at Ann Arbor, Mich., in 1935 and who won three Olympic championships at Berlin in 1936 believes that the USA will retain its track and field crown at London, but expects few record performances.

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"At the present time America is 'betwixt and between'," he said. "that is, the older athletes can't carry on the old traditions and the newcomers still are a little green."

But he thinks that American men as a whole are in better shape for athletic competition than any other nation.

He also feels strongly about the ideals of the Olympic games.

"The games are not only sport contests, but sincere goodwill between nations," he said. "Leaders of sports will carry on the teachings of true sportsmanship in their everyday world."

Owens Isn't So Sure Patton Tops Them All

PM - New York, N.Y.
Sun. 5-23-48

By Associated Press

CHICAGO

Jesse Owens, once the world's fastest human, isn't certain whether he will bestow that title yet to either Southern California's Mel Patton or Panama-pledged Lloyd La Beach.

At Fresno, Calif., last Saturday, Patton was clocked over the 100-yard route in a world record-shattering :09.3 and La Beach equalled the world 100 meter record of :10.2. 5-23-48

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The Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.

ABOARD SS AMERICA EN ROUTE TO ENGLAND—(ANP)—The story that Adolph Hitler snubbed Jesse Owens at the 1936 Olympics is not true, Avery Brundage, president of the U.S. Olympic committee, said last week.

The story that Hitler refused to shake the hands of the former Ohio State star after he won the 100-meter dash is "typical of the misrepresentations which led to the ridiculous charge that the Olympic games promote international complications," he said. Sat. 7-31-48

Brundage argued that Hitler had been warned that the Olympics would not have political control. This gave Hitler no official statue at the game. This story of Owens, Brundage said, gives an unfair reputation to the Olympics.

Front page stories, however, written in this nation's leading newspapers, say that Hitler hurriedly left after Owens's victory rather than shake his hand. He did shake hands of white athletes who won victories.

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Tribune

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Los Angeles, Calif.
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Mon 7-12
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SAN FRANCISCO — Jesse Owens, all-time Olympic great, blew into town last week, got wind of prep star Ollie Matson's half-collected expense fund for the national AAU meet at Milwaukee this weekend, and straightened the matter out.

Los Angeles, Calif.

Here with the Harlem Globetrotter baseball team as drummer man and added attraction, Owens whipped up an impromptu hat-passing at his own baseball game and collected $365, which with what the townspeople and schoolmates had already gotten together, was enough to foot Matson's expenses.

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Matson, probably the best 440-meter bet the U. S. has in the Olympics, since McKenley will run for the British Empire, has the offer of Owen's and Ralph Metcalf (one of the great sprinters of the 30's) services as trainers when he hoves into Chicago July 9th for the Olympic final trials.

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Sat. Courier Pittsburgh Pa.

5-15-48

"MR. SPEED" VISITS TENNESSEE—Jesse Owens, the greatest speedster in the history of the Olympics, visited Tennessee State recently and gave these young ladies a few words of advice. Left to right: Coach Tom Harris, Miss Emma Reed, women's AAU high jump champion; Jesse Owens, and Miss Audrey Mickey Patterson, women's 200-meter champion.

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Owens Shows Speed in N.Y. Doublehead'r

Sat 5-14-48

Pittsburgh Pa

By HASKELL COLE

(The Courier's New York Bureau)

NEW YORK—Jesse Owens, former Olympic star, was the big attraction at the Yankee Stadium last Sunday afternoon for the weekly baseball doubleheader. Running between games, the former Ohio State sprinter circled around the bases in 13.2 seconds as compared to the baseball record of Evar Swanson of the Cincinnati Reds, who did the trick in 13.6 several years ago. As 5,000 fans cheered him along, Owens gave a large handicap to four baseball players and beat them easiily in a hundred-yard dash from left field to home plate. Frank Austin of the Philly Stars was second, with Sherwood Brewer of the Globetrotters third in the special sprint.

On the baseball side of the program the Philly Stars edged out the New York Cubans, 4-3, in the nightcap of a twin bill. Cream McHenry held the Cubans well in hand, while his mates jumped Scantlebury for three runs in the first frame.

Scantlebury kept them scoreless from the second inning on, but the damage had already been done.

The Globetrotters, featuring big Ted Strong, former Kansas City Monarch slugger, larruped the Hawaiian All-Stars, 7-4, in the opener.

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Daily World

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PURDUE RELAY TWO-MILE CHAMPS—Mark Whitaker is shown as he was presented the 2-mile relay trophy after the Ohio Staters copped the event at the Purdue Relays, Lafayette, Ind., last Saturday night. Russ Owen, left, Don Washington and Mal Whitfield, standing at right, were other members of the winning relay team.—Dispatch Photo.

N. Y. U. CAPTURES 5 TITLES TO PACE SETON HALL RELAYS

The Times New York, N.Y. Sun. 4-18-48

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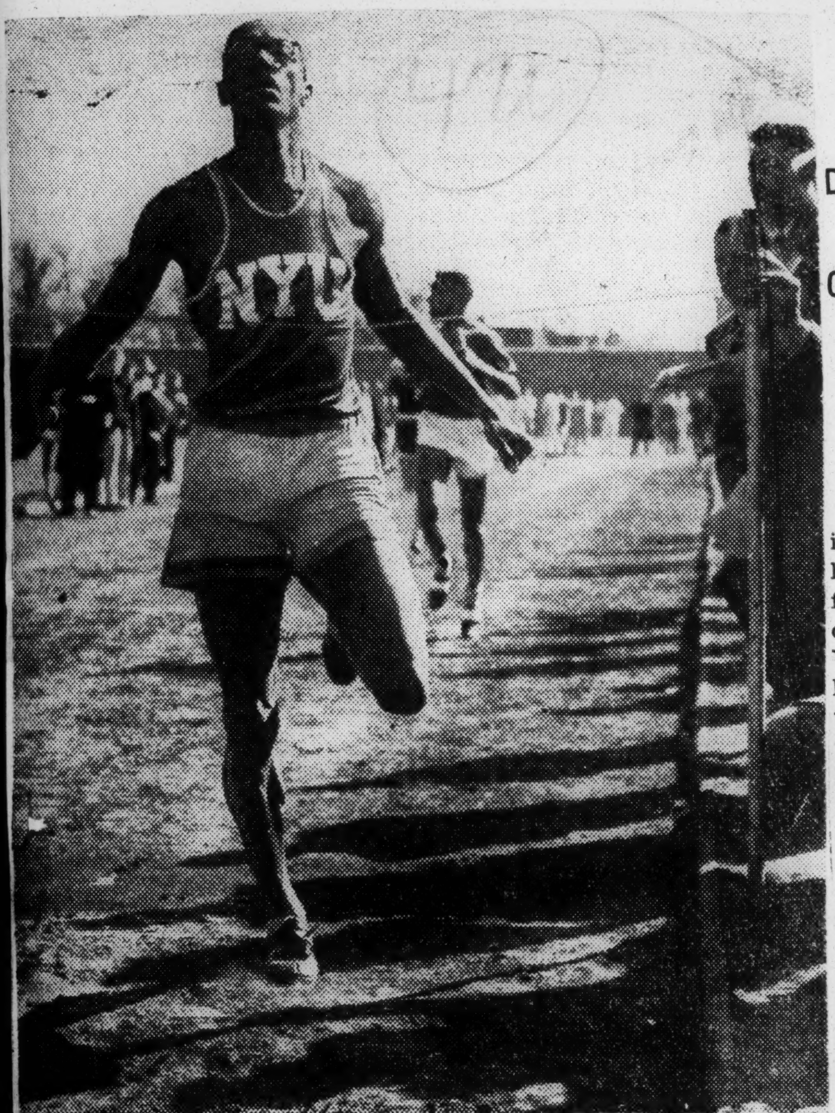

The Times New York, N.Y. Sun. 4-18-48

Reggie Pearman crossing the line to give N. Y. U. victory

By JOSEPH M. SHEEHAN

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

NEWARK, N. J., April 17—Back in the great outdoors, where he has the room he needs to get the full benefit from those long legs of his, Reginald Pearman of New York University twice cut loose his vaunted stretch drive to give the Violets record-breaking victories in the second annual Seton Hall College Relay Carnival today.

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John Nelson, Hugo Maiocco and Jim Gilholley ran with Pearman on both these N. Y. U. teams. To give the day a thoroughly Violet tinge, Coach Emil Von Elling's dash quartet of Homer Gillis, Warren Halliburton, Frank Svoboda and Ira Kaplan scored a double triumph in the 440 and 880 yard relays, breaking its own meet record in the former event.

The Times New York, N.Y.

Cub Mile to Georgetown

Thus N. Y. U. wound up with four of the seven major college titles at stake. The other winners were Fordham in the two-mile relay; Manhattan, in the four-mile relay, and Villanova, in the distance medley relay. N. Y. U. also captured the freshman one-and-seven-eighths-mile medley relay, the freshman mile title going to Georgetown. Sun.

In the other featured races of the twenty-two event program, Cardinal Hayes of the Bronx won the two-mile high school relay championship; Seton Hall Prep took the prep school mile relay title, and Tommy Quinn of the New York A. C. beat Jack Milne of North Carolina by three yards in 9:33.4 in a special two-mile run.

NYU's triumph in the sprint medley was directly attributable to Pearman. Seton Hall and Fordham led the way for the first three legs. Fox of the Pirates beat Harold McDonnell of the Rams and Gilhooley by two and five yards, respectively, on the opening quarter-mile. 4-18-48

Loses Another Yard

Ennis Gray put Fordham in front on the first 220 leg, racing past Phil Palese of Seton Hall as Maiocco lost another yard for N. Y. U. Then Seton Hall's Jack Tulp went by Bill Lane of Fordham on the second furlong to touch off Thigpen five yards in front of Jerry Connolly of the Rams.

When Pearman took the stick from Nelson, he was a long step behind Connolly and a full seven yards in back of Thigpen.

The pounding Seton Hall star ran a fast first lap, as Pearman and Connolly shuttled back and forth in second place.

In the middle of the backstretch, Thigpen swung wide to get out of the chopped up inside line. Taking advantage of the opening, Pearman spurted and bolted through on the inside. Thigpen fought to stay with him around the last turn but, in the final straightaway, Reggie lengthened his stride and pulled away to win by seven yards.

N. Y. U. was clocked in 3:31.1, two and seven-tenths of a second faster than the time that won for Seton Hall in the inaugural carnival a year ago.

Comes From Behind

In the mile relay, the Violets were clocked in 3:19.3 as against Manhattan's 3:20.5 of last year. Pearman took off in first place, a step ahead of Fox and seven yards in front of Guida, but still had to come from behind to win.

Villanova's intercollegiate quarter-mile champion, putting on a tremendous burst of speed, shot ahead of Reggie at the 220-yard mark and was still in front at the final turn. The Times

There Pearman swept by him and also had enough speed to hold off a swift-closing rush by Fox, who collared Guida in the stretch and finished just a yard back.

This was an N. Y. U.-Seton Hall battle all the way. The Violets and the Pirates never were separated by more than a yard or two. Reggie Marshall beat Nelson by two yards on the lead-off leg but Maiocco overtook George Stafurik and Gilhooley held off Tulp. Browning Ross and Ed Fitzgerald brought Villanova into the running on the middle legs.

A smart bit of running by Kaplan enabled N. Y. U. to beat Manhattan, last year's winner, in the 880. Touched off a step behind Joe Cianciabella, the Violet anchor man spurted past the stock little, Jasper flyer, cut in sharply and thus picked u pa three-yard edge that he held.

Win by Seven Yards

New York, N.Y.

Manhattan's combination of Bill Kent, Johnny Quigley, John Gorman and Cianciabella also was runner-up to N. Y. U. in the 440. However, this was not close, as the Violets won by seven yards in 4:42.6, one-tenth under their own 1947 clocking. Sun.

The chief surprise was Fordham's conclusive victory over Manhattan's favored team in the two-mile relay. With John Lynch, Ed Carney, Connolly and Jack O'Hare running in that order, the Rams won by nearly thirty yards, although their time was a pedestrian 8:04. Carney piled up twenty yards on Jim Cavanaugh to break up the race. 4-18-48

In the absence of Syracuse, the pre-meet choice, Manhattan had a 120-yard walkaway over Army and Villanova in the four-mile relay. John Garibaldi, Arthur Sullivan, John Flinter and Ignatius Rienzo ran for the Jaspers, whose 18:26.4 was almost half a minute slower than their winning 1947 time.

N. Y. U. gave Villanova its chief competition in the distance medley, which the Wildcats took in 10:44.2, as against the meet record of 10:53.4, set by Army last year. Bill Cunningham put the Violets in front on the three-quarter-mile leg, but Armand Osterberg could not hold George Thompson.

Stepping his mile in 4:31, Thompson left Osterberg on the last lap to win by twenty yards, with Manhattan forty yards farther back in third place. Fitzgerald ran the opening quarter for Villanova, Browning Ross the half, and Dave Williams the three-quarters.

Run in Three Heats

The Times

A 2:02.6 anchor half mile by Tom Lindgren gave Cardinal Hayes its two-mile victory by ten yards over Lincoln of Jersey City. St. Augustine and Xavier were next in line in this test, which was run in three heats and decided on time. Seton Hall Prep won the prep school mile title by sixty yards from Blair in 3:33.2.

Although the sun shone brightly, it was a bit too chilly and the track was too cuppy for major league times. However, the meet, which opened the outdoor season in these parts, served its purpose as a prep for next week end's Penn Relays at Philadelphia.

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40-Yard Relay—1, New York University (Homer Gillis, Warren Halliburton, Frank Svoboda, Ira Kaplan); 2, Manhattan; 3, Lincoln; 4, Morgan State. Time—0:42.6 (new meet record; old record, 0:47.7, by N. Y. U., 1947).

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One-And-Seven-Eighths Mile Freshman Medley Relay—1, New York University (John Taylor 880, Robert Hatch 440, Alfred Sorbello 220, Lawrence Ellis mile); 2, Seton Hall; 3, St. Francis; 4, Manhattan. Time—7:59.3.

880-Yard Relay—1, New York University (Homer Gillis, Warren Halliburton, Frank Svoboda, Ira Kaplan); 2, Manhattan; 3, Lincoln. Time—1:29.3 (Army finished fourth but was disqualified).

Two-Mile Relay—1, Fordham (John Lynch, Ed Carney, Jerome Connolly, John O'Hare); 2, Manhattan; 3, Army; 4, New York University. Time—8:04.

One-Mile Relay—1, New York University (John Nelson, Hugo Maiocco, James Gilhooley, Reginald Pearman); 2, Seton Hall; 3, Villanova; 4, Fordham. Time—3:19.3 (new meet record; old record, 3:20.5, by Manhattan, 1947).

Distance Medley Relay—1, Villanova (Ed Fitzgerald 440, Browning Ross 880, David Williams, three-quarters; George Thompson, mile); 2, New York University; 3, Manhattan; 4, Brooklyn College; 5, Army. Time—10:44.2 (new meet record; old record 10:53.4, by Army, 1947). The Times

Mile Relay Series

First Race—Manhattan (Patrick Downs, Phil O'Connell, William O'Reilly, Tom Comerford); 2, Seton Hall; no third or fourth. Time—3:28.8.

Second Race—1, Hofstra (Joe Giacolone, Al John, William Dick, Tom O'Connor); 2, Panzer; 3, Montclair Teachers; 4, Iona. Time—3:38.6.

New York, N.Y.

Third Race—1, Morgan State (Sam LaBeach, William Bradley, William Brown, Robert Tyler); 2, City College; 3, Howard; 4, Villanova. Time—3:27.9.

Fourth Race—1, St. Peter's (Leroy Smith, Paul Paytas, John Aslanian, Hubert Sweeney); 2, Upsala; 3, Adelphi; 4, Wagner. Time—3:40.

PREP SCHOOL DIVISION

Prep School Class Relay—1, Seton Hall Prep (J. Duff, J. Sheerin, J. Kelly, J. Smith); 2, Poly Prep; 3, St., Benedict's Prep. Time—3:41.3.

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One-Mile Relay—1, Seton Hall Prep (Bart Cawley, Carl Reitzal, Jim Hanlon, Carl Joyce); 2, Blair Academy; 3, St. Benedict's; 4, Poly Prep. Time—3:33.2.

HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION

Two-Mile Relay (run in three sections, places decided on time)—1, Cardinal Hayes (James O'Connell, John Fitzgerald, Donald Cheek, Thomas Lindgren); 2, Lincoln, Jersey City; 3, St Augustine; 4, Xavier; 5, Fordham Prep. Time—8:29.3.

A. A. U. EVENTS

Two-Mile Run—1, Thomas Quinn, New York A. C.; 2, Jack Milne, unattached; 3, George de George, N. Y. A. C.; 4, Philip Stilwell, Seton Hall College. Time—9:33.4.

One-Mile Relay—1, New York Pioneer Club (Sol McCants, Stafford Thompson, Oliver Tucker, Roscoe Browne); 2, New York Pioneer B; 3, Jersey City Department of Recreation; 4 New Jersey A. C., Time—3:27.3.

Coffield - Roberts Feature Wrestling Card Saturday

Atlanta Daily World
Atlanta, Ga.
Wed. 5-12-48

A red hot mat main event is assured at the wrestling matches next Saturday night, May 15, when Jimmy Coffield tangles with Bobby Roberts as a result of popular demand.

Last week these two veteran heavyweights battled to a "fluke" decision in favor of Coffield. The crowd felt that Coffield's pin was accidental and brought about by the action of the referee who in releasing Coffield from the ropes caused him to fall on top of Roberts. The referee then decided Roberts out for the count of three.

Coffield did not want to wrestle Roberts again, but Promoter Paul Jones said he would either wrestle or be barred from the local mat As a consequence, Coffield is forced to face the acid test of meeting a wrestler who is determined to make good a freak defeat.

Wed 5-12-48

The matches are on Saturday night, May 15, instead of Friday night. Admission will be 75c. Paul Jones has lined up a strong card to go with the Coffield-Roberts clash.

Pete Managoff and Don Lee tangle in the first event. Jack Ross, Jr. and Babe Zaharias face each other on the second event on the card. The tag team match is between Tom Mahoney and Natie Brown in the first team and George Craig and LaVerne Baxter in the second team.

Women Grapplers Headline Tonight's Mat Program

Daily World Fri.

Atlanta, Ga.

The outstanding mat program of the year will be presented by Promoter Paul Jones tonight at 8:30 at the city auditorium with a match between the leading two feminine challengers for the women's world wrestling championship as the star attraction. 3-19-48

Misses Nell Stewart and Violet Vian will tangle in a one fall special event which is the third bout on the fourth-match card. Nell Stewart, a striking blonde, has already held world champion, Mildred Burke, to a draw. If she can defeat Violet Vian tonight, she will get another crack at the title. Violet Vian brownette, is a scientific and fast grappler who can take all the rough treatment in which Miss Stewart specializes. The girl event is expected to bring out the largest wrestling crowd of the season.

Daily World

A fine card surrounds the women's wrestling match. Tom Mahoney meets Bibber McCoy in the opening event. In the second match Natie Brown, a former top rate boxer, makes his local debut against Bobby Roberts, handsome heavyweight from Jacksonville, Florida.

Atlanta, Ga.
3-19-48

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